

Planning Application No.

## Bat Survey Declaration

To be completed by the applicant or agent and returned with the planning application.

**All bat species are protected by the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981 (as amended), and the Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations, 1994. This legislation makes it illegal to intentionally or recklessly kill, injure or disturb bats, or destroy their roosts<sup>1</sup>.** It is therefore essential to establish whether the works being proposed will affect bats or their roosts. This questionnaire will enable the Council to determine whether bats are reasonably likely to be present in your property, and whether a detailed survey is required<sup>2</sup>.

**Does your proposed development include the modification, conversion, extension, demolition or removal of buildings and structures involving the following:**

	Yes	No
All buildings with weatherboarding and or hanging tiles that are within 200 m of woodland or water (ponds, lakes, rivers, streams)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Works involving the roof of a pre-1960 detached buildings and structures within 200m of woodland or water (ponds, lakes, rivers, streams)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Works involving the roof of a pre-1914 buildings within 400 m of woodland or water (ponds, lakes, rivers, streams)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Works involving the roof of a pre-1914 buildings with gable ends or slate roofs, regardless of location	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All agricultural buildings of traditional construction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All air raid shelters, cellars or similar underground structures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All bridge structures, especially over water (ponds, lakes, rivers, streams)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All developments affecting buildings, structures or other features where bats are known to be present	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Works to mature trees or hedgerows linking with woodland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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<sup>1</sup> The Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 1994 are currently being amended – the revised regulations are expected to be published in May 2007.

<sup>2</sup> In the event that bats are found in buildings 'outside' of the above criteria, the applicant is respectfully reminded that the legislation protecting bats and their roosts still applies.

If you answer Yes to any of the above then you must consider the impact of the proposed development upon legally protected species and supply a Bat Survey. A suitably qualified and licensed person must conduct this survey and the report submitted to the Local Planning Authority with your planning application.

Please tick one of the following:

- I hereby certify that I am the applicant and I am aware of my legal responsibilities and that to the best of my knowledge the above information is correct.
- I hereby certify that as the agent, I have advised the applicant of their legal responsibilities and that to the best of my knowledge the above information is correct.

Name

Address

Signature

Date