

BAT SURVEYS

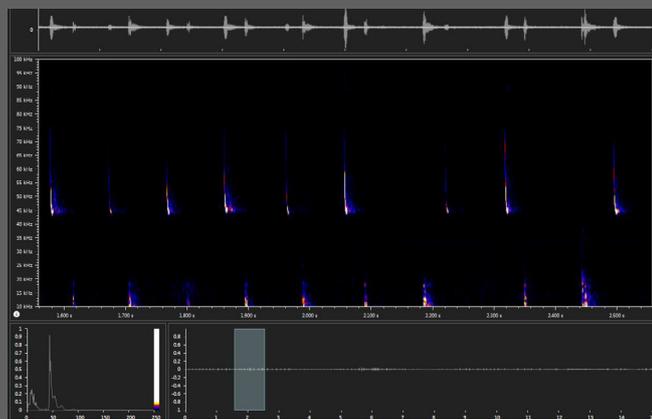
EMERGENCY/ RE-ENTRY
OR 'DUSK/DAWN' SURVEYS

Wouldn't I know if I had roosting bats?

Usually not! Bats generally roost underneath tiles and in other places where you'd never see them. They can enter a gap as small as a 2p coin!

What happens during the survey?

- A group of surveyors will observe the building/trees and note any bats emerging or re-entering at sunset or sunrise.
- Between 1 and 3 night-time visits. This will depend on the likelihood of bats being present. If bats are seen emerging/re-entering, the full 3 visits will be required.
- There is no need for you to be present during the survey. Surveyors will observe the building or trees from outside and will not usually need access inside.



- Bat detectors are used to hear the bats' echolocation calls, which allows us to identify bat species. We also use infra-red cameras to provide night-vision.
- The recordings are analysed on specialist software by an experienced ecologist to confirm the bat species.
- Our summary emails will provide you with regular updates of our findings. A report will be issued explaining our methodology, findings and recommendations. This can be submitted as part of a planning application.

I've had a Bat Scoping Survey done, what's next?

If the bat scoping survey identified trees or buildings with potential to be used by roosting bats, the next step is to identify the following;

Are bats using the feature
What species of bat
Approximate numbers

What roost type is it (e.g. maternity or occasional, transitional roost)

These points are essential for obtaining a Natural England European Protected Species Mitigation Licence, which will allow the development to continue whilst ensuring no bats are harmed.

If you find bats, does this mean my development cannot go ahead?

The development can still go ahead!

If bats are present, a Natural England Licence will be required. This will allow your development to go ahead but ensure there is no harm caused to the bats.

A new bat roost may need to be provided before the old one can be destroyed. Timing restrictions may also apply to demolition.

TMA can help you with this process.