

Memo

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Date: 17th February 2025

Re: Competency of Amir Glick, Ita Sherlock, Carla Deane and Scott Bastow in roost inspection survey to support a derogation application for roost disturbance

To whom it may concern,

I, Colm Clarke MCIEEM Associate Director, hereby confirm that four of my colleagues Amir Glick (Senior Ecologist), Ita Sherlock (Consultant Ecologist), Carla Deane (Consultant Ecologist), Scott Bastow (Consultant Ecologist) have completed the training on bat roost survey techniques and best practise.

Bat roosts inspection training occurred on 13th November 2024 and was delivered by me, Colm Clarke. In advance of attendance at the course, the attendees were provided copies of the *Bat Surveys for Professional Ecologists: Good Practice Guidelines. 4th Edition*¹ as required reading. The training comprised of:

- A presentation in relation to the practical aspects of bat roost inspection survey and ground level tree assessment, covering the health, safety and welfare considerations, theory in relation to bat ecology and general approach and limitations associated with surveys. The presentation also instilled the need to avoid and reduce any potential disturbance effects on bats and the requirement for biosecurity protocols for entry into roosts or potential roosts.
- Demonstration on how to complete a preliminary roost assessment and roost inspection survey at a known *Pipistrellus pygmaeus* roost in the attic of a building at Bohernabreena Reservoir Park, Rathfarnham, Co. Dublin under the supervision of Colm Clarke utilising DER/BAT 2024-53. The roost inspection survey included entry into a loft space which contains bat guano and other signs of roosting bats such as urine staining and oil-staining of bricks. No live bats were encountered on the training date.
- Demonstration on how to use an endoscope device and completion of ground level tree assessment and roost inspection of trees at Marlay Park, including 3 no. *Fagus sylvatica* trees known to host *Nyctalus leisleri*

¹ Collins, J. (ed.) (2023) *Bat Surveys for Professional Ecologists: Good Practice Guidelines (4th edition)*. The Bat Conservation Trust, London. ISBN-978-1-7395126-0-6

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and *Pipistrellus* sp. (no bats encountered) using a RIGID CA-350 endoscope under the supervision of Colm Clarke with DER/BAT 2024-53.

The training provided to attendees was sufficient to endow them with the skillset and competence to complete preliminary roost appraisal, and roost inspection of structure and trees, unsupervised.

Yours faithfully,

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