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Hi Dan,

Thanks for your reply regarding the application for a derogation licence on the above structure. The two bats which were monitored on the dusk and dawn survey were utilising the chimneys on the house, which in all my years surveying, I have never encountered such a construction method like this. These chimneys are almost touching on the roof and taper away to two distant chimney stacks that have a stairwell and hall between them within the house. I include a picture, this shows the chimneys.





These chimneys are structurally compromised while the rest of the house did not seem to provide access to the roof or interior of the house.

On page 13 and 14 I discuss this issue. - 'The sealed and well maintained exterior did not create an ease of access for bat species.

The unusual design of the chimneys which are almost joined at the roof and flare internally to create space for a stairwell, was where the bats emerged and returned to. The chimneys are moving and internally are not sealed. Water is entering the house from this movement. The Engineer stated that they were compromised and would have to be removed. The chimneys could not be inspected closely on the survey. They would seem to be providing roost space for two individuals on a temporary basis.'

'The creation of a roost location utilising bat boxes, or a constructed roost under the eaves of this building along with a dark corridor along the northern and eastern boundary of the site at the back of the garage is proposed. This may require slightly extending the roof overhang, to allow the installation of Woodcrete bat boxes or the fitting of a constructed roost. This would be dependent on the granting of a derogation licence. The Chimney works would proceed when the hibernation period has begun, generally in November, as insect activity will have ceased and there would be no need for bats to utilise the transitional roost that is presently in place in the chimneys of this house.'

In the report I thought that the above would explain why the present temporary bat roost is unsustainable in the intermediate term. The structure was well maintained and no evidence of bat activity was monitored inside the house.

In short these chimneys were moving structurally, creating a temporary roost space for these two individual bats. The movement of these chimneys is not something that can be reversed, they are dangerous. These are the reasons that a derogation licence was applied for and the suggestion of creating a dark zone with woodcrete boxes on the garage structure was suggested, as Pipistrelles can utilise these. This is the only long term solution to providing roost locations on the site. This was the reason why the derogation licence was applied for.

I hope this has addressed your concerns.

Thanks - Jim

On Fri, Nov 8, 2024 at 4:01 PM Housing wildlifelicence <wildlifelicence@npws.gov.ie> wrote:

Hi Jimi,

Apologies for the delay in getting back to you on your application, attached.

Currently there are no alternative solutions proposed as per Q11 in the application.

The report should show the reasons why the derogation is necessary, i.e. all other options considered would not work and therefore a derogation licence is required.

Dan Simpson

Wildlife Licencing Unit

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Hi my name is Jim Minogue, I include a Derogation Licence Application for a temporary Pipistrelle roost found in a structure I was surveying for a Planning Application . I include to Bat Survey conducted on this structure.

Thanks Jim