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## BAT SURVEY REPORT

**Survey requested by:** Mrs L. Blackwell

**on:** 28/06/2016 by telephone

**Reason for survey request:** Planning application for modification of existing building

**Location:** Unit 6, Porthmellon Industrial Estate, St Mary’s

**Grid Reference:** SV 909 106

**Date:** 13/06/2016 **Time:** 11.30-12.00

**Weather conditions:** Fine, dry, sunny, moderate breeze

**Description of building surveyed:** Single storey building; rendered walls, wooden windows (decaying) and doors; tiled roof. Interior ceiling with hatchway to roof space.

**Observations:** Outside building: our survey revealed several places where bats could gain access into the building. (1) gap under fascia at lower far left gable end, north elevation. (2) Several windows in west elevation are permanently open sufficient for bats to enter. (3) Several points under fascia board at south end of west elevation.

There are no obvious places for entry on roof.

On the south and east elevations any possible entry points are obscured by cobwebs, plant growth and other debris that has clearly not been disturbed.

Inside building – ground floor: There are no signs of bat droppings anywhere even in close proximity to where there are possible access points.

Roof space: The roof covering material is in good condition and very tight. Some light is visible on the west side but there are no signs of bat habitation anywhere that we could see.

**Conclusion/recommendation:** Bats could enter building in several places but there is no evidence that they have done so. ***It is possible, but unlikely, that bats could have entered and are located in places we could not see. Care should therefore be taken during the work, especially in removing the tiles and roofing materials and in stripping off the fascia boards in case bats had gained entry by some means that we could not detect. If any bats should be discovered during the work, they must not be handled: work must stop immediately and advice sought from local bat wardens in the first instance (Mike & Anne Gurr, 422224) or, if not available, The Bat Conservation Trust’s National Bat Helpline on 0845 1300 228. The BCT’s adviser for the South West Region is David Jackson.***

**Other remarks:**

**Survey completed by\*:** M.I. & E.A. Gurr

**Copies to:** Lisa Walton, Council Planning Department

Mr A. & Mrs L. Blackwell, Applicants

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