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BAT SURVEY COMMENTARY

(P/17/091)

Survey requested by: Mr Kevin Tobin-Dougan (Applicant)

on: 22/11/2017

Reason for survey request: Refurbishment of a building.

Location: Lawrence's Brow, Churchtown, St Martin's

Grid Reference: SV 927 155

Date: **Time:** No survey done. This is a commentary based on evidence from photographs and consultations with applicant and Planning Department.

Description of building surveyed: Description provided to us by photographs e-mailed to us by applicant. A concrete/stone barn with corrugated roof; wooden roof beams; all in poor condition. Photo shows use for keeping turkeys.

Observations: The barn is open, so clearly bats could gain access. However inspection of the photos shows that it does not look a likely roosting place for bats. Even had we visited, it would have proved impossible to identify signs of current or past bat habitation and at this time of year any bats that might previously have occupied the premises would have migrated to warmer and cosier premises.

Conclusion/recommendation: *We understand that the applicant will himself be carrying out any work to be done in refurbishing this barn. We suggest that in removing and replacing the roof and in any other modifications, he proceeds carefully and 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 neither is available, The Bat Conservation Trust's National Bat Helpline on 0345 1300 228. The e-mail address is enquiries@bats.org.uk and

Commentary completed by*:

M.I. & E.A.Gurr on 5/12/17

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