



## **Higher Moors Accessible Hide Replacement Bat Ecological Assessment Statement**

As the planning application details, this project requires the demolition of the existing Stephen Sussex bird hide at Higher Moors. As the demolition of any structure requires consideration of roosting bats, this statement outlines why a Bat Survey has not been included in this application.

The existing Stephen Sussex bird hide has no internal cavities in which bats could enter the structure. The roof and walls of the hide consist of simple wooden planks which do not create any sort of internal space. Inside, there are no beams or roof supports. Therefore, it would be physically impossible for bats to be roosting inside the structure. Furthermore, multiple site visits have confirmed that there is no evidence of droppings.

For this reason, a Bat Survey has not been conducted.