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Dear Jenny

Review of Preliminary Ecological Appraisal and Roost Assessment – 10 Parsons Field (IoSWT-BS33)

Further to your request to review the report BS33-2020 in relation to the addition to the proposed development of the inclusion of a third dormer window in the main east-facing roof. I can confirm the following:

On a review of the latest aerial photographs and a site visit to the immediate surrounding area this morning (24-6-21), I can confirm that no significant changes have occurred to the habitat surrounding and within the application site itself which would increase its commuting or foraging potential for bats.

In the original report the assessment of the roof revealed: *'The roof of the main house has a pitch of approximately 35° and is covered with modern, tight-fitting cement tiles that offered no potential roost space for crevice-dwelling bats. The two dormer windows were tied into the roof with lead flashing, which was well-constructed and tight-fitting, negating any potential roosting opportunities. Likewise, the flashing surrounding the single velux window. There was however, what appeared to be a broken tile at the bottom right corner of the velux (see photo 5), which appeared to*

create a suitable crevice, but on closer inspection no roosting opportunity was present as a result of the amount of overlap between the two tiles.'

I can confirm after the site visit made to the property this morning that there are no significant changes to the roof that would alter the characteristics of the building and its roost potential for bats.

The findings in the original report remain current with the characteristics of the building and the surrounding habitat suggesting **negligible roost potential** for bats. If the recommendations given in the report (BS33-2020) are adhered to, there should be no further ecological constraints to the proposal.

If there are any further questions, or queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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