

**FAO**

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**BAT ROOST POTENTIAL ASSESSMENT AT: 96 Church Hill, Royston, Barnsley, South  
Yorkshire, S71 4NG**

To whom it may concern,

In October 2024, JCA Ltd were commissioned by Mr James Leishman to provide a Bat Roost Potential Assessment at the above site.

Outline planning permission is being sought for the construction of a single detached dwelling, with all matters reserved except means of access, within the grounds of the above property (application number 2024/0425).

As part of the application process, Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council requested that two trees on site which are scheduled for removal be inspected for bat roost potential.

On 11/10/2024, Adam West (Principal Ecologist, JCA Ltd), who holds a Natural England (NE) Level 2 bat survey class licence (registration number **2016-24724-CLS-CLS**), attended site and performed the assessment. One Leyland Cypress *Cupressus × leylandii* and one Lawson Cypress *Chamaecyparis lawsoniana* (identified as T12 and T16, respectively, in the Arboricultural Impact Assessment) were subject to a ground level inspection. The purpose of the inspection was to ascertain if either, or both, of the trees contained features suitable for use by roosting bats, such as cracks, crevices, splits or peeling bark.

The trees were inspected in dry, clear conditions with good visibility. The trees were fully accessible and were able to be inspected from all sides. There were no factors encountered during the survey which would pose a constraint on the validity of the survey, or the conclusions drawn from it.

It was determined that neither tree contained any features in which bats may roost or otherwise shelter. Bats are, therefore, not considered to pose a constraint on the removal of these trees.

Yours sincerely

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