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RE: Y/26/26/HH Frogs Lodge, Drove Lane, Yapton, West Sussex, BN18 0EB

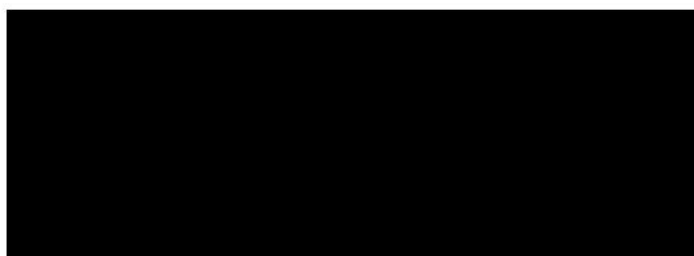
To whom it may concern,

Haper-Bird Ecological Consultancy was contracted to complete a preliminary bat roost assessment (PBRA) at the request of Mr Spence at the above property to inform the planning application Y/26/26/HH; “proposed front and side extensions, loft conversion to provide three additional bedrooms, increase in the existing roof ridge height by 2.4 metres and formation of a recessed balcony to the Southwest elevation”.

The initial inspection was carried out by a suitably qualified and CL18 licenced ecologist with over c.8 years of relevant experience and an assistant ecologist on the 25th of July 2026. Full internal and external inspection was carried out with identification of bat droppings within the loft void alongside multiple potential roost features across all elevations. The droppings were confirmed by crush test and those typical of at least two species were recorded in low volumes, *Pipistrellus* and *Plecotus*. Guano samples from the void space have been dispatched to Ecotype Genetics for DNA analysis to determine species presence. The property will require further evening bat emergence surveys and, dependent on genetic analysis and surveys, will likely require a bat mitigation licence to proceed with the works.

At least c.2 bat emergence surveys, a minimum of c.3 weeks apart, will be required to establish species and classification of roosts present. The estimated minimum timescale for this, including report, would be September 2026 therefore an extension to, or temporary withdrawal of, planning application Y/26/26/HH would be required.

Kind Regards,



Aidan Bird
Director and Lead Ecologist

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Site Photographs



Positive Identification of Bat Droppings