



ECOLOGY TECHNICAL NOTE

SITE NAME & ADDRESS	Duke of York, Grindleton Brow, Grindleton, BB7 4QR
DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL	Conversion of public house for residential use along with ancillary works including the construction of a garage and sort and hard landscaping.
PLANNING REFERENCE	Not known
ECOLOGY ASSESSMENT TYPE	PRELIMINARY BAT ROOST ASSESSMENT
DATE	22 April 2024
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STATEMENT

Knight Sky Ecology was commissioned to provide ecological consultancy services in relation to the proposed development at the Duke of York. The site has been subject to several planning applications over the last few years. The previous applications have been supported by the following bat survey reports:

- Batworker Consultancy (2018) Bat Scoping Survey Report. Duke of York, Brow Top, Grindleton Brow, Grindleton BB7 4QR. 26.11.2018
- Batworker Consultancy (2021). Preliminary Bat Roost Assessment Report Duke of York, Brow Top, Grindleton Brow, Grindleton, BB7 4QR. 17.09.2021

On both occasions, no evidence of bats was observed and the building was considered to offer negligible potential for roosting bats with no further surveys recommended.

The above reports are now invalid for submission in accordance with CIEEM guidance¹. However, given the previous findings, it was considered that a brief site assessment was required to revalidate the previous findings.

The site assessment was undertaken on 5th April 2024 by Ryan Knight MCIEEM who holds a Level 2 Natural England Class Licence (ref. 2015-12611-CLS-CLS) for bats and has held this licence type for over 10 years. Ryan has also acted as the named ecologist on numerous European Protected Species (EPS) mitigation licences issued by Natural England which covered several bat species and roost types.

It can be confirmed that the condition of the building has not changed and the findings remain as was previously reported, in that, no potential roost features were recorded and the bat roost suitability category is negligible. No further surveys or mitigation measures are recommended. The bat survey report from 2021 is advised to be submitted to the new application alongside this statement. Photos are provided below for a general overview of the building.

¹ CIEEM (2019). *Advice note on the Lifespan of Ecological Reports and Surveys*. Available from: cieem.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Advice-Note.pdf



PHOTOS

Photo 1.
West elevations



Photo 2.
South elevation





Photo 3.
East elevation.



Photo 4.
North elevation.

