

Case Study

PROJECT NAME: ROSEWELL MAINS STEADING

PROJECT TYPE: BAT SURVEY PROGRAMME

CLIENT: SMITHS GORE

DATE: AUGUST 2014



Neo Environmental were commissioned by Smiths Gore to undertake an assessment of a derelict building complex due for demolition as part of the re-generation of the site, to develop a community hub in Rosewell.

Neo Environmental's involvement:

- Conducted bat activity surveys (both dusk and dawn) to confirm if the buildings were utilised by roosting bats
- Obtained a protected species license from SNH to permit the work to progress
- Devised and submitted a mitigation and compensation strategy with the license application
- Provided clerk of works to oversee the removal of roofs in line with the conditions as outlined by the SNH license

Project Outcomes:

- The initial stages of the building assessment made it clear that the buildings had a high potential of supporting roosting bats.
- The Dusk and Dawn surveys highlighted the presence of roosting bats within the buildings.
- By identifying ecological constraints early in the process, and the knowledge of the ecologists regarding the level of survey work required for adequately assessing roosting bats within the building complex, Neo Environmental were able to agree an extension from the council planner that allowed all relevant survey work to be undertaken in accordance with current standard guidance and in a timely manner, while limiting any delays to the developer.
- All work was carried out in a timely, cost-effective manner, adhering to current standard guidance to prevent any un-necessary delays to the client.