

Wilderhood Watch
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Bat Survey Summary

As part of the Wilderhood Watch bat survey over the summer of 2025, a number of static bat recorders were deployed in properties along Sandridgebury Lane, and the Harpenden Rd area adjacent to the proposed Cala development site. Detectors were also deployed in Beech bottom Dyke which connects as a wildlife corridor. The detectors showed a large number of Common Pipistrelles (*Pipistrellus pipistrellus*) and a small number of other species. These included

1. Soprano Pipistrelles (*Pipistrellus pygmaeus*)
2. Leisler's (*Nyctalus leisleri*)
3. Noctules (*Nyctalus noctula*)
4. Serotines (*Eptesicus serotinus*)
5. Brown Long Eared (*Nyctalus noctula*)
6. Myotis (both Daubenton's & Natterer's)

This was a limited survey (recorders were deployed for a few days at each location), but clearly show that these species are present and warrants a more comprehensive survey to determine numbers.

These findings are consistent with the Heartwood 10 year surveys conducted by the Hertfordshire Natural History Society. Cala Homes has failed to provide the necessary surveys to properly record the variety of species and should be required to provide detailed up to date independent surveys prior to any reserved matters approval. They should also be stopped from continuing to enact large scale ecological damage on this site which clearly part of a larger wildlife corridor.

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