

Delcroft and land beyond, Woodchurch Rd,  
Shadoxhurst, Kent

## Dormouse survey- DRAFT

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# **1 Introduction**

Following a 'Preliminary Ecological Appraisal' which identified the risk of dormice being present, KB Ecology Ltd has been commissioned to undertake dormouse surveys with regards to a proposed development at Delcroft and land beyond, Woodchurch Rd, Shadoxhurst, Kent, in support of a planning application for the demolition of the existing bungalow and erection of a number of new dwellings.

## 2 Methodology

Thirteen dormouse nesting tubes were installed on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018 and they were checked monthly by Katia Bresso CEnv MCIEEM, a qualified professional consultant ecologist with over 15 years of experience, licensed dormouse surveyor (Class Survey Licences Registration Number 2016-22060-CLS-CLS), accompanied by Megan Austin.



### 2.1 Limitations

The findings of this report represent the professional opinion of a qualified ecologist and do not constitute professional legal advice. The client may wish to seek professional legal interpretation of the relevant wildlife legislation cited in this document.

### **3 Status of Species and Protection**

The dormouse is rare and vulnerable to extinction in the UK. It is a priority species in the UK Biodiversity Action Plan.

The dormouse is afforded full legal protection under Schedule 5 of the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended). It is also listed under Schedule 2 of the Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 1994 (as amended) and are therefore a European Protected Species. Taken together, these legislative instruments make it illegal to carry out the following activities:

- intentionally or deliberately kill, injure or capture dormice;
- deliberately disturb dormice (whether in a nest or not); and
- damage, or destroy dormouse breeding sites or resting places.

Any activity that would result in a contravention of the above legislation would require a licence from Natural England to avoid committing an offence.

## 4 Results

At the time of writing this report, no dormouse or signs of dormouse have been found.

set up 11.04.2018									
Tube number	GPS	Co-ordinates	Plant species	02.05.2018	15.06.2018	25.07.2018	22.08.2018	Sept	Oct
1	287		Bramble	-	-	-	-		
2	288		Bramble	-	-	Feeding station	Feeding station		
3	289		Bramble	-	-	-	Feeding station		
4	290		Bramble	-	-	-	-		
5	291		Blackthorn	-	-	-	-		
6	292		Blackthorn	-	-	-	-		
7	293		Blackthorn	-	-	-	-		
8	294		Blackthorn	-	-	-	-		
9	295		Blackthorn	-	-	-	-		
10	296		Laurel	-	-	-	-		
11	297		Hornbeam	-	-	-	-		
12	298		Beach	-	-	-	-		
13	299		Hornbeam	-	-	-	-		