

# Delcroft and land beyond, Woodchurch Rd, Shadoxhurst, Kent

## Dormouse survey

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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	Plant species	02.05.2018	15.06.2018	25.07.2018	22.08.2018	28.09.2018	11.10.2018
1	287	Bramble	-	-	-	-	woodmouse nest	woodmouse nest
2	288	Bramble	-	-	Feeding station	Feeding station	-	feeding station
3	289	Bramble	-	-	-	Feeding station	feeding station	-
4	290	Bramble	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	291	Blackthorn	-	-	-	-	-	feeding station
6	292	Blackthorn	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	293	Blackthorn	-	-	-	-	-	feeding station
8	294	Blackthorn	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	295	Blackthorn	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	296	Laurel	-	-	-	-	-	-
11	297	Hornbeam	-	-	-	-	Missing	-
12	298	Beach	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	299	Hornbeam	-	-	-	-	-	-

It is thus assumed that dormice are not present on site and no mitigation is expected necessary for dormice.