From: Planning
Sent: 26 October 2026 15:06
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Matter 6f hearing - STO3 / STO1 (DC/26/1168 / DC/26/0972) Barbastelle Bat recordings
Attachments: Barbastelle Bat Recordings on the STO3-STO1 Boundary.pdf

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Sent: 21 October 2026 17:15
To: Matthew.Porter [redacted] Linsey.King [redacted] Planning [redacted] >
[redacted]
Subject: Re: Matter 6f hearing - STO3 / STO1 (DC/26/1168 / DC/26/0972) Barbastelle Bat recordings

Matthew,

apologies - there were a couple of typos in the previous message (which has been removed from the thread below). The corrected version is:

Those SBRC records will now be updated - the confirmation only took place today. Given your statutory duties regarding evidence - especially the Precautionary and Certainty Principles - the Appropriate Assessment needs to be amended to take account of this new evidence.

Also note that the plan for DC/26/1168 shows the removal of the thick banks of bramble and other scrub around the west, south and east perimeter of the site. That requires large-scale removal of the continuous foraging habitat currently used by the Barbastelle. Please ensure that the proposed removal of that habitat is consistent with the revised Appropriate Assessment, given the confirmed evidence of its use as a foraging route and its prioritisation within the West Sussex Nature Recovery Strategy.

I would also be grateful if this email thread is placed on the Planning Portal for DC/26/1168 as an objection - so it is available to members of the Planning Committee, your legal team and the public.

Kind regards,

[redacted]

East Wantley Barn,

Northlands Lane
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From: Matthew.Porter [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2026 16:08
[redacted]
Subject: RE: Matter 6f hearing - STO3 / STO1 (DC/26/1168 / DC/26/0972) Barbastelle Bat recordings

Dear [redacted],

They already have taken account of the SBRC records.

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Porter
Principal Planning Officer

Telephone: [redacted]
Email: [redacted]

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Please ensure they are updated to include this evidence.

Kind regards,

[redacted]

On 21 Oct 2026 15:59, "Matthew.Porter" [redacted] > wrote:

> Dear [redacted],
>
> The Council's HRA Appropriate Assessments are viewable on the public registers of both applications, via the Council's website.
>
> https://www.horsham.gov.uk/planning/planning-applications/view-and-comment-on-planning-applications
>
> These have taken account of SBRC records.
>
> Yours sincerely,
>
> **Matthew Porter**
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> Principal Planning Officer

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>
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Kerry,

At the end of today's hearing the Inspector allowed me to present the summary of Barbastelle recordings.

Today I also received confirmation from the West Sussex Bat Recorder confirming the presence of Barbastelle within the wide (~20m) bank of rambles adjacent to the STO1 / STO3 boundary. The confirmation email is also included in the attached report. Please ensure it is brought to the attention of the Inspector and incorporated in the hearing record.

Matthew and Linsey,

Please also take this confirmation into account when assessing DC/26/1168 and DC/26/0972. The bramble bank (within the DC/26/1168 site) and hedgerow (the boundary) are now a confirmed Barbastelle foraging route. Please take into account your CHSR statutory duties. NPPF ecological protection requirements and the priorities set within the West Sussex Nature Recovery Strategy for preserving priority species and habitats, when assessing the impact of removal of both the hedgerow and the bramble bank to facilitate access to, and development within, the DC/26/1168 site.

In addition, I would be grateful if you could provide me, my ward councillors and HDC's Planning Committee (Chair copied in) evidence to show that the legal precautionary and certainty statutory duties are being applied.

Kind regards,

[redacted]

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RE: Validation of Barbastelle bat recordings

From Bob Foreman <[redacted]
Date Wed 21/10/2026 12:06
To [redacted]

Hi [redacted]

I have had some interesting feedback from the County Recorder/Sussex Bat Group regarding your bat data:

"All of the recordings are of overall poor quality which makes accurate analysis problematic and I would suggest a reduced certainty in regard to the auto id outputs. However, I am pleased to confirm the recording of Barbastelle and Nathusius' pipistrelle at this location and so please take this as a confirmed verification."

With regard to the Grey Long-eared files they say:

"I would suggest the GLE recording is Plausible … the recording is not clear enough to be certain and so I would not verify it as being correct."

They also go on to say that the Sussex Bat Group does not comment on planning applications but there is helpful information available here: https://www.bats.org.uk/advice/im-concerned-about-bats/development-concerns

I hope this information is of use.

All the best,

Bob

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 20 October 2026 12:16
To: Bob Foreman [redacted]
Subject: Re: Validation of Barbastelle bat recordings

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Bob,

Batch Summary

Back to My Data (/acoustic-pipeline/uploads/uploads_home.jsp?y=2026&m=10&%40=453)

Details for batch: 03-05102026_Brambles_Boundary

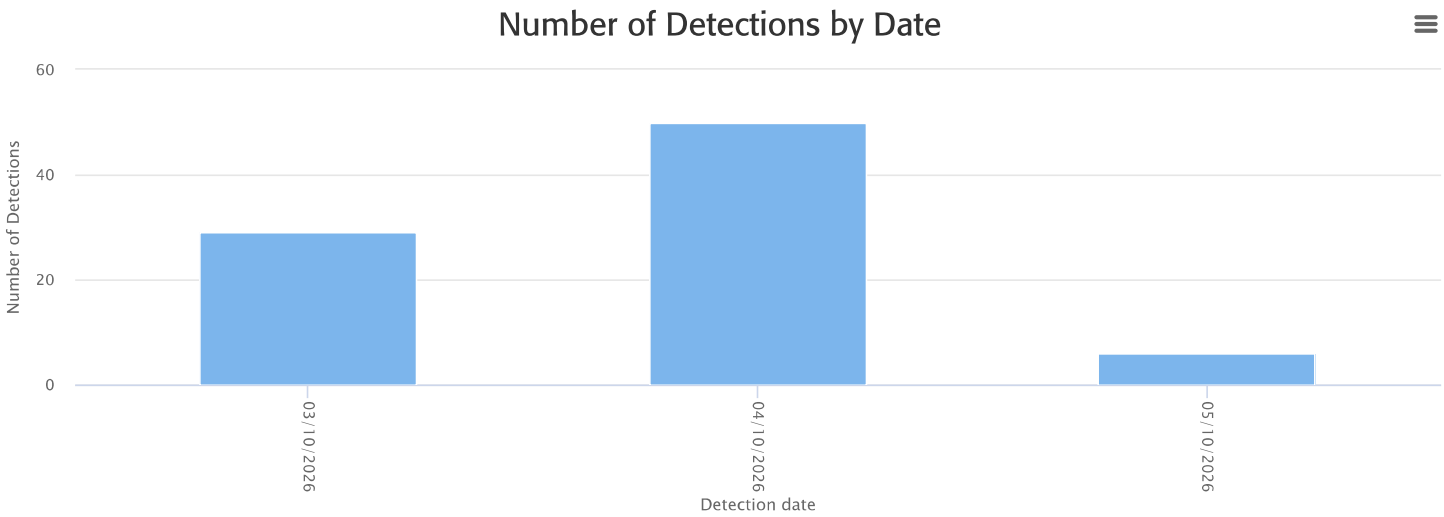
Processed date	05/10/2026 13:27:10
Batch key	2026100513271C26LG7C
Classifier used	ClassifEspGBR-SOU2026-05-18_1
Project	Citizen Science (ultrasonic) - shared
Processed by	[redacted]

Locations in batch



Detections by date

Dates are of the individual detections. Detections within a night may be spread over two dates. Includes all detections with a probability exceeding the selected classifier's probability threshold.



Detections by species

Includes all detections with a probability exceeding the selected classifier's probability threshold. May include false positive detections and should not be used without careful verification.

Click on a species name to see detailed results for the species. Table can be sorted and filtered.

Show 2 species

Species Name	Call Type	Num Locations	Num Dates Detected	Total Num Detections	Maximum Probability	Num Warnings
Filter...	Filte	Filter...	Filter...	Filter...	Filter...	Filter...
Barbastelle (/acoustic-pipeline/results/batch/species_summary.jsp?s=1305&u=157625&y=2026&m=10&c=echolocation)	echolocation	1	3	10	0.99	0
Brown Long-eared Bat (/acoustic-pipeline/results/batch/species_summary.jsp?s=1113&u=157625&y=2026&m=10&c=echolocation)	echolocation	1	2	9	0.95	7
Common Pipistrelle (/acoustic-pipeline/results/batch/species_summary.jsp?s=5561&u=157625&y=2026&m=10&c=echolocation)	echolocation	1	2	17	0.99	0
Common Pipistrelle (/acoustic-pipeline/results/batch/species_summary.jsp?s=5561&u=157625&y=2026&m=10&c=social)	social	1	2	3	0.96	0
Dark Bush-cricket (/acoustic-pipeline/results/batch/species_summary.jsp?s=101104&u=157625&y=2026&m=10)		1	3	17	0.8	0
Grey Long-eared Bat (/acoustic-pipeline/results/batch/species_summary.jsp?s=1304&u=157625&y=2026&m=10&c=echolocation)	echolocation	1	1	1	0.23	1
Nathusius' Pipistrelle (/acoustic-pipeline/results/batch/species_summary.jsp?s=84095&u=157625&y=2026&m=10&c=echolocation)	echolocation	1	1	1	0.96	0
Nathusius' Pipistrelle (/acoustic-pipeline/results/batch/species_summary.jsp?s=84095&u=157625&y=2026&m=10&c=social)	social	1	1	1	0.13	1
Noctule (/acoustic-pipeline/results/batch/species_summary.jsp?s=1109&u=157625&y=2026&m=10&c=echolocation)	echolocation	1	1	1	0.44	1
Serotine (/acoustic-pipeline/results/batch/species_summary.jsp?s=1303&u=157625&y=2026&m=10&c=echolocation)	echolocation	1	2	6	0.82	1
Soprano Pipistrelle (/acoustic-pipeline/results/batch/species_summary.jsp?s=5562&u=157625&y=2026&m=10&c=echolocation)	echolocation	1	2	14	0.99	3

Species Name	Call Type	Num Locations	Num Dates Detected	Total Num Detections	Maximum Probability	Num Warnings
Soprano Pipistrelle (/acoustic-pipeline/results/batch/species_summary.jsp?s=5562&u=157625&y=2026&m=10&c=social)	social	1	1	5	0.92	0

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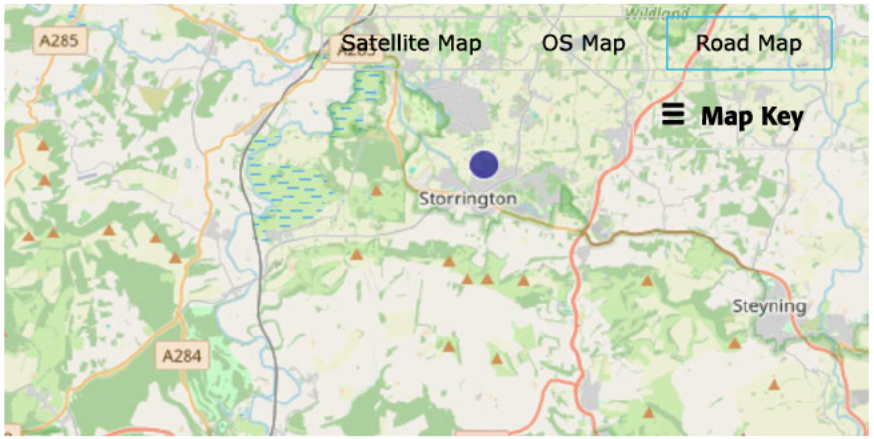
Species Summary: Barbastelle

Stats for: Barbastelle

Batch name	03-05102026_Brambles_Boundary
Num dates	3
Num locations	1
Num detections	10
Project	Citizen Science (ultrasonic) - shared
Processed by	

Distribution of detections

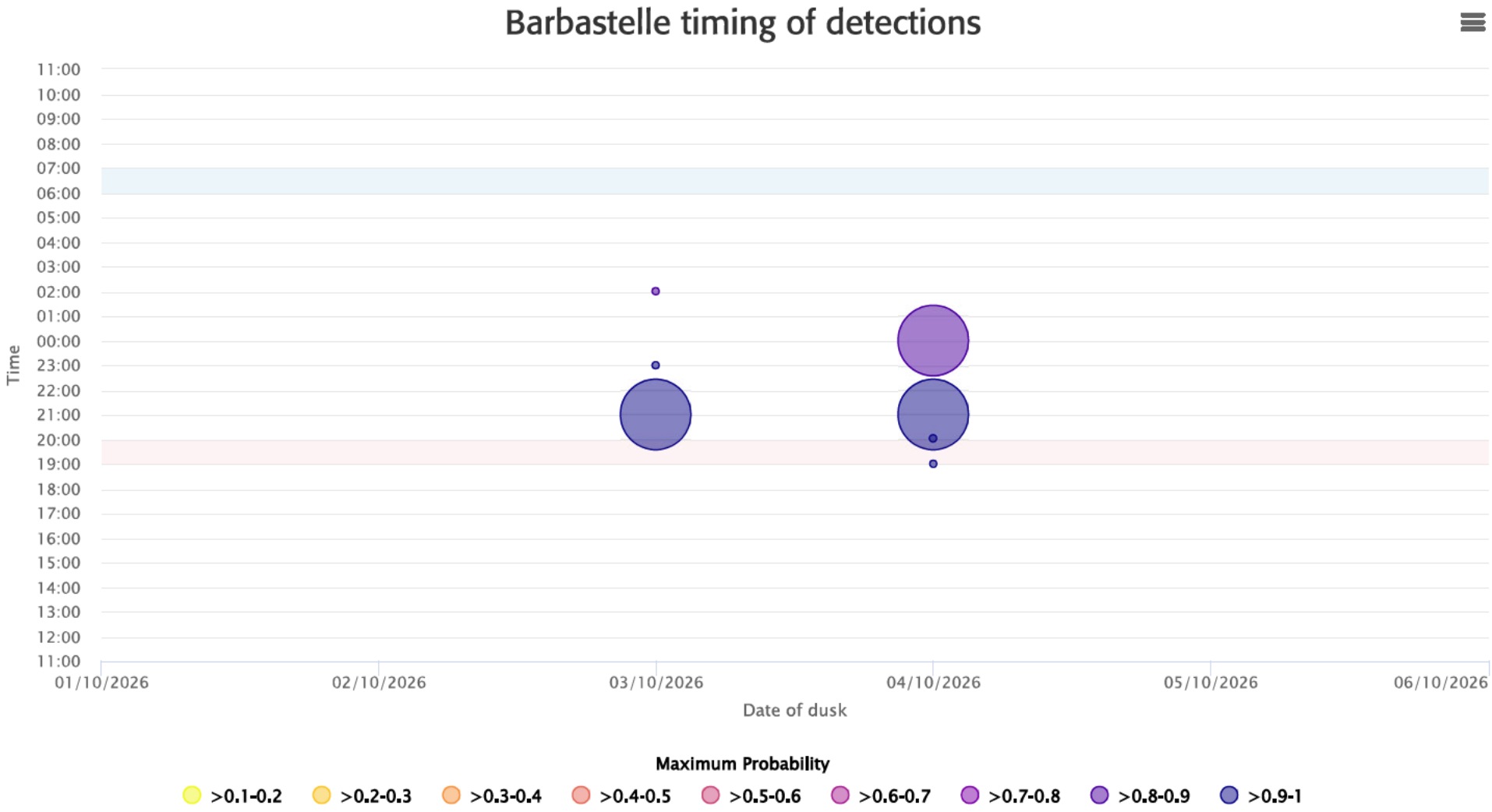


Detections by date and time

Circles summarise detections for each hour of each day. Circle size indicates the number of detections per hour; circle colour indicates maximum confidence in the detections. Shaded lines indicate the approximate timing of civil dawn and dusk. Includes all detections with a probability exceeding the selected classifier's probability threshold. Click on the graph key to toggle on or off detections of different probability.

Graph display mode:

- ○ Day-centred
- ◉ Night-centred



Species Records table

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50.92713	-0.44905	05/10/2026	00:33:49	0.65	

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