

Project name

Park House, Compliance work.

Quick facts	
Project value	£150,000
Client name	Facilities Management Directorate-Maintenance Services
Work start date	1 April 2010
Completion/open date	28 May 2010
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**Project stakeholders**

Client: - Steve Boon Head of Maintenance Services

Contractors: - Mansell

Consultants: - AED Architects; Ridge and Partners Darwin Ecology  
For the University; Dave Young (Data and Power)

**Progress/work schedule**

Programming the works was difficult because Park House is the home for a large roost of bat. Due to the number of bats an agreement to proceed had to be negotiated with Natural England before any work could start. A full Bat Survey was carried out and an official licence obtained for future works.

**Did you know?**

Park House itself is home to a colony of Brown Long Eared (*Plecotus auritus*) bats and is used as a maternity roost in the summer months. The roof supports over 100 females and this would make it one of the main maternity roosts in this area. A maternity roost is usually populated annually between May and August when mothers congregate at the same roosts each year to collectively rear their young. There are 3 other species of bats that have been identified Common Pipistrelle (*Pipistrellus pipistrellus*). The largest of the UK bat species, Noctule bats (*Nyctalus noctula*) and the less common Daubenton's bat (*Myotis daubentoni*). All of these bats are European Protected Species which are known to be in decline due to habitat and roost loss.