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For the Attention of:

Dear Stuart,

RE: LAND OFF FLETCHER FOLD, BURY: AERIAL TREE SURVEY FOR BAT ROOST POTENTIAL PRIOR TO REMOVAL

Following on from recent correspondence (23/01/2025) to discharge the Condition 4, two trees (T2 and T8) have been identified as being removed due to development. Both trees were identified as having potential roost features for bats

Tree T8 is labelled as PRF-M which are classed as trees with moderate potential. We understand that this tree will not be felled. However, the potential roost feature was identified on overhanging branches within the site earmarked for removal. An aerial tree assessment will be undertaken to confirm if the roost feature remains a PRF-M or whether it can be downgraded to a PRF-I (low potential) or negligible.

T2 is labelled as PRF-I which are classed as trees with low potential to support roosting bats. With regards to removal this means that the tree can be soft felled, under supervision of bat licenced. However, this feature will also be assessed as part of the aerial tree survey to confirm its status or whether this tree could also be downgraded to negligible.

There are no strict seasonal constraints to this type of survey if utilised to only confirm the suitability of the PRFs, other than requiring safe access to the tree. A suitably licensed ecologist/tree climber and assistant will inspect the features of the trees from close distance and using an endoscope where appropriate. Where rope access is required, the climbers will have Tree Climbing and Aerial Rescue certificates, issued by the National Proficiency Test Council (NPTC).

Please be aware that if the features identified at tree T2 and T8 are confirmed to support PRFs categorised as PRF-M or a confirmed roost then a total of three PRF inspection surveys will be required to be undertaken during the period May to August in suitable weather conditions with surveys spaced at least 3 weeks apart.



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Following the survey a short technical note will be produced detailing the results of the survey and will advise if any further surveys will be required.

Cost Schedule

Please find details of the proposed costs in the table below.

Description	Costs (£)
Aerial Tree Inspection (Licensed Tree climber and assistant)	£966.00
Short Technical Report	£367.00
TOTAL (excluding VAT)	£1,336.00

The costs provided above exclude VAT but include mileage (charged @ £0.55 per mile) from our Warrington office.

This offer is based on TEP's current Terms of Engagement January 2020 which are available on our website via this link: <https://www.tep.uk.com/terms-of-engagement/>.

We issue our reports and supporting maps in digital pdf format, should paper copies be required we would be pleased to provide a cost for arranging this.

Further fees would apply for significant alterations to the final output, or for attendance at meetings and consultation events. Any additional costs would be discussed and agreed with the client prior to commencement of further work.

It is assumed that appropriate digital information for preparation of drawings will be supplied in GIS/ CAD compatible format. If base mapping data for the site is provided then this must be associated with the corresponding Ordnance Survey License number. If base mapping data is not provided TEP will purchase this and it will be charged at cost.

It is assumed that the client will arrange access to the site for surveys. If this is not possible and TEP arranges access, this time will be charged as additional. This will be agreed prior to TEP access negotiations commencing.

If you would like to commission TEP to proceed with this work, please provide written confirmation of your acceptance of this quote (an e-mail will initially suffice to secure timely resourcing within our survey team). In addition, can you please confirm where, and to whom, any invoices should be addressed along with the Purchase Order.

In accordance with our Quality Assurance procedure TEP undertakes a credit check for any client with whom we have not worked previously to ensure risk of non-payment is minimised. Where we are unable to undertake a credit check (i.e. if we are instructed by a private individual) or if the credit check returns a precautionary note the decision on how to proceed will be taken by one of the Directors. Please note that in this instance a payment in advance of work may be required.

I trust that these proposals meet with your approval. If you have any queries about this quotation or the scope of proposed work please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Peter Bonney
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