

For: Paddock Johnson Partnership

Site: Land off Victoria Avenue

National Grid Reference: SD8119605708

Date of Issue: 14th November 2022

Re: Report of intrusive tree inspection for bats & amended recommendations

Context

In November 2022, Tyrer Ecological Consultants Ltd were commissioned to return to the previously surveyed site 'Land off Victoria Avenue' in Whitefield, Manchester (National Grid Reference: SD8119605708) to undertake an intrusive inspection of a mature Horse-chestnut (*Aesculus hippocastanum*) (T1) with the aid of ladders and an endoscope. An additional tree (T2) observed to hold roosting potential during the visit was also assessed.



Figure 1: *Approximate locations of trees assessed in November 2022; Horse-chestnut tree (Yellow Star – T1) – additional addressed tree (Orange Star – T2) (Source: adapted from Google Earth, 2022)*

The inspection was required following a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal in August 2022 which identified Potential Roost Features (PRFs) on one mature Horse-chestnut Tree, located at the eastern edge of the application site. The ecologist was in attendance to check the identified PRFs along with any others found on the day for the presence of roosting bats or evidence thereof; and if absent of current or historic roosts the PRFs would be blocked to prevent roosting prior to the clearance of the site.

For context the ecological document issued thus far is as follows:

August 2022 – ‘Preliminary Ecological Appraisal’ – Tyrer Ecological Consultants Ltd

2022 inspection

The site was attended on 14th November 2022 by Miss. K. Judson Qualifying CIEEM, a Consultant Ecologist with two years' experience who is additionally an accredited agent on the Class 2 Natural England bat licence of Mrs. K. Wilding (CLS-14227) and by Mr. H. Mulligan Qualifying CIEEM., a Trainee Ecologist undergoing extensive training who is additionally an accredited agent on the Class 2 Natural England bat licence of Mrs. K. Wilding (CLS-14227).

The identified PRF(s) present on T1 were accessed via ladder and their extent assessed. The PRFs identified on T1 was found to be non-extensive and did not exhibit any evidence of current and/or historic use by any bat species. Whilst on site during November 2022 a PRF was observed on a second tree (T2) within the site that was also accessed via a ladder, assessed and found to be non-extensive and absent of any evidence to suggest the presence of bats.

As all PRFs were found to be non-extensive and offering no roost opportunities for crevice- or loft-dwelling bat species; the trees have consequently been categorised to possess '**Negligible**' bat roost suitability in accordance with current BCT guidance. Nonetheless, as a precautionary measure the non-extensive crevices were blocked with tightly balled paper.

Conclusions

Following the intrusive inspection, the attending Ecologist is satisfied that no bats or evidence of bats are present within the trees surveyed at Land off Victoria Avenue, and there are no further implications in relation to bats.

We can confirm that the contents of this document have been collated using the combined expert knowledge and experience of Tyrer Ecological Consultants Ltd, and thus this letter can be relied upon as an addition/supporting document to the existing ecological reports issued in relation to the works.

For any enquiries or if any information is required, please contact Tyrer Ecological Consultants Ltd on any of the specified mediums atop this letterhead.

Kind regards,



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Appdenix I - Photographs



Plate 1: PRF investigated via use of endoscope on T1



Plate 2: Investigation of PRF via use of endoscope



Plate 3: PRF identified to be non-extensive on a vertical branch of T1



Plate 4: Highly exposed non-extensive PRF



Plate 5: Newly identified PRF on T2, found to be non-extensive



Plate 6: PRF blocked off with tightly balled-up news paper