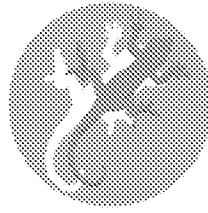


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Dear Colin,

Crookthorne Byre, Brookpit Lane, Climping – Preliminary Roost Assessment

A preliminary ecological appraisal (PEA) was completed by Arbtech in July 2023.

The PEA recommended an updated assessment of the potential roost features on the trees requiring removal to check whether these features were being used by roosting bats.

During the updated preliminary roost assessment on the 11th September 2024, it appeared that trees which were scheduled for removal to facilitate the proposals have previously been removed due to the presence of Dutch Elm Disease in November and December 2023 (pers. comm). It was not possible to thoroughly assess remaining trees due to dense ivy coverage.

If further trees are to be removed at the site to support the development, it is recommended that ivy is removed under ecological supervision and any cavities inspected with an endoscope. Should any cavity be found suitable to support a maternity roost (eg. PRF-M feature), then 3no. climbed inspections should be undertaken between May and August 2025 to allow the potential presence of a roost to be ruled out.

Should no further trees be scheduled for removal then no further survey would be required, provided that all artificial light spill upon these trees was avoided and no tree surgery works were planned.

Yours sincerely,

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