



**Ecological Consultants
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Your Ref: Benmore Road, Blackley – Planning Decision Ref 135788/FO/2022
Our Ref: 9019

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Tuesday, 19 December 2023

Dear Sirs

RE: BENMORE ROAD, BLACKLEY – PLANNING DECISION REF 135788/FO/2022

Condition 31 of planning consent 135788/FO/2022 states

31) The removal of trees called T01, T02, T05, T06, T09 & T10 may have the potential to cause harm to bats as detailed within 'Ecology Report- Bat Roosting Assessment', stamped as received by the City Council as Local Planning Authority on 3 August 2023. The trees shall not in any circumstances occur unless a Precautionary Method of Working has been provided to and agreed in writing by the local planning authority.

Envirotech have been commissioned to prepare a precautionary method of working in reference to condition 31.

The author Mr Andrew Gardner holds a Level 2 bat survey licence as well as being registered consultant for the BLICL scheme.

- The works will be carried out in winter avoiding the peak bat occupancy season (summer).
- A pre-start ground based assessment will be made of trees by a licenced ecologist. This is to ensure the roosting potential of trees on site has not increased and to confirm potential roost sites have not been lost due to tree failure. Should no evidence of bat roosts be found, and the level of risk has not increased, works will proceed.



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- A toolbox talk will be provided by a licensed ecologist in respect of bat features present in trees on the site to the team responsible for tree felling.
- Each tree will be climbed, where it is safe to do so, and bat roost features confirmed to be free of bats either by the licensed ecologist or via the tree felling team under the direct supervision of the licenced ecologist.
- In the absence of confirmed roosting trees will be sectionally felled. Potential roost features will be inspected again on the ground by the licenced ecologists, before wood is chipped/ removed from site.
- In the event bat roost features have increased in potential, or bats are found, all works will cease and appropriate licenses will be obtained before work recommences.
- Provision for capture, transport and captive care of any hibernating or injured bats will be available with suitable materials on site. Any such works to be undertaken only by the Licenced ecologist.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Gardner'.

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