



10/12/2020

Dear Ian,

Re: Lesnes Abbey Woods – Further bat assessment of tree with endoscope

Please find my comments below in regards to my recent follow-up bat endoscope assessment of a single tree within the Canopy Classroom application site.

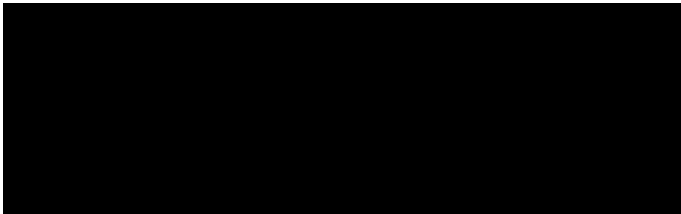
The visit was made on 2/12/2020 and this was a follow-up study to the Preliminary Ecological Assessment visit by ASW Ecology on 14/10/2020.

A single tree was assessed for bat roosting features using a ladder and video endoscope by a Natural England licensed bat ecologist, Andrew Waller.

Two features were present on the stated tree, these being a small, shallow cavity at the base, and a second vertical crevice within the trunk. Both features were less than 5cms deep and were too exposed for bats to utilise. These features also had spider webs present, showing that no bats have been using this tree.

In the absence of any bats, bat evidence such as droppings and the two features being of no potential for bats, there are no constraints for when this tree can be felled, should planning consent be granted by Bexley Council.

Kind regards,



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