

26th September 2023



Dear Mr Cookson

As requested I write with our methodology for the proposed soft felling you require

This will apply to trees 60, 61, 72, 91, 92 and 93 as per the tree survey.

METHOD FOR SOFT FELLING.

1. Select a suitable time to undertake the works outside bird nesting season (Oct - Feb)
2. We will attend site at least 6 times for up to 2 hours at dusk to observe possible bat movement.
3. Once a suitable work schedule is agreed we will remove the smaller, none included trees under the soft fell trees and lay out to create a soft drop zone.
4. The trees will then be accessed using a Unimog and MEWP.
5. Starting from the top the crown will be lowered to the ground using a friction winch.
6. One the crowns have been lowered to a safe area on the pre prepared brash, we will fell the standing low height trunks onto a bed of tractor tyres.
7. The site will then be left for at least 48 hours before any further work is undertaken.

Please note that all operatives will be closely observing potential roost sites at all times and should active sites be identified work will stop and the ecologist consulted for potential translocation.

All timber will be lowered to the ground in a controlled manner.

Please do contact us if you require further information.

