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For the Attention of Richard Parton.

Dear Richard,

Following the Response from Natural Resources Wales (NRW) and in line with the latest Bat Conservation Trust (BCT) Guidelines, Keddl Limited have now undertaken update bat roost emergence/re-entry surveys on the horse chestnut TPO tree located within Ballswood compound. This is due to the previous survey information now being out of date. These surveys were undertaken on the 05/05/2022, 24/05/2022 and the 10/06/2022. These survey dates met the Bat Conservation Trust Guidelines (BCT) of three surveys undertaken between May – September, with a minimum of 2 weeks left between each of the surveys.

The surveys on the 05/05/2022 and the 24/05/2022 began at 15 minutes before sunset which last night and went until 1.5 hours after sunset. The survey on the 10/06/2022 began 2 hours before sunrise and continued until 15 minutes after sunrise. All surveys were undertaken in suitable weather conditions.

An initial assessment was undertaken in order to identify the best position to view the tree during the survey. Due to the main roosting feature being a large crack in the trunk, the survey viewpoint was undertaken from the south-west of the tree.

During all three the surveys no bats were observed emerging from the tree. Species recorded foraging include early noctules foraging over the quarry from around 20.43 – 20.59. Other species observed foraging include common and soprano pipistrelles in low numbers foraging through the quarry courtyard.

Since the previous surveys conducted in 2020, grey squirrels have now taken over the centre tree and therefore it is assessed as highly unlikely that bats are present roosting within this tree.

A full report detailing the survey information and mitigation recommendations will be provided the week commencing the 18/07/2022.

Please find attached below a view of the roosting feature.



Yours sincerely,

On behalf of **Kedd limited**

Steven Pagett,

Principal Ecologist

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