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## WREXHAM TECHNOLOGY PARK, PRE COMMENCEMENT BAT SURVEYS

Dear Heather

TEP Ecologist Natasha Seaward undertook a ground based assessment of all trees within the development site in September 2014 for their suitability to support roosting bats. Following initial ground based surveys, aerial surveys of any trees with potential were undertaken. This resulted in two trees being identified with features suitable to support bats which required dusk emergence/dawn re-entry surveys.

These surveys were undertaken during the 2015 season during the appropriate time frame (May – September). Each survey was undertaken by a pair of suitably qualified ecologists using a range of bat detectors. The Dusk emergence surveys began fifteen minutes before dusk and carried on up to two hours after dusk, the dawn re-entry surveys began two hours before dawn and carried on until dawn. Each survey was undertaken in suitable weather and temperature conditions.

The surveys were undertaken on 05/05/2015, 20/05/2015 and 03/06/2015. During each survey **NO** bats were seen emerging or re-entering the tree. Therefore, following the final survey, felling of T1 and T2 within the exclusion zone was permitted within 24 hours provided it was undertaken in line with the following advice as far as is reasonably possible:

- All ivy growth must be removed from T1 and T2 prior to felling.
- Once the ivy has been removed the tree felling team should investigate the T1 and T2 aerially for any signs of cavities (cracks, crevices, holes etc) which could be used by roosting bats.
- If any cavities are found which may be used by bats, a suitably qualified bat consultant will need to be contacted for further advice.
- If no cavities are found then T1 and T2 can be felled.
- If bats are found at any point a suitably qualified bat consultant will need to be contacted for further advice.
- At no point should bats be handled by anyone other than a licenced bat consultant.

Prior to felling, T1 and T2 within the exclusion zone will need to be inspected for nesting birds as we are now in the nesting bird season.



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