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St Anne's, Emsworth

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Hi Sarah,

We're going to send across the report for St Anne's next week but in the meantime I just wanted to summarise our findings for you and the LPA.

I carried out a ground level assessment of the trees on the 22nd August. Two of the three trees were considered to support low suitability for roosting bats i.e. they are of an age where potential roosting features would be expected, however, no potential roost features were identified. No further surveys are recommended however the trees should be soft felled with the sections left on site overnight before removal. This is in accordance with the BCT guidelines for low suitability trees.

The remaining tree was partly obscured by low level foliage and the occupants of the house had reported seeing bats commute away from the tree. Therefore, as a precautionary measure the tree was climbed under the supervision of my colleague Katy, a licensed bat ecologist, to check for suitable roost features on the 25th August. No suitable roost features were identified during the climb however a single shallow crevice was identified. It is concluded that the reported sightings are of bats commuting through the tree line or utilising the tree canopy for foraging. As such, no further survey work is required but soft felling is recommended.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries.

Kind regards

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