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Ground Level Tree Assessments - Meadow View, Blagrove Lane, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG41 4AU

To whom it may concern,

Darwin Ecology Ltd was commissioned to undertake Ground Level Tree Assessments of trees to be removed as a part of the proposed development at Meadow View, Blagrove Lane, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG41 4AU.

Ground Level Tree Assessment (GLTA) Surveys

Methodology

Senior Ecologist Neil Carter-Whitehead¹, conducted a Ground Level Tree Assessment survey at the site on 13th March 2026 in accordance with the following methodology:

An investigation was carried out of features with potential for use by roosting bats, such as lifting bark, knot holes, woodpecker holes, and more. A search for bat droppings was made beneath each potential entry/exit point identified where accessible. The surveyor used binoculars, and a powerful, low-heat LED torch.

Ten trees to be removed as a part of the proposed works were assessed for their suitability for roosting bats. Each tree was assessed for its potential to support roosting bats as detailed in **Table 1** below which is taken from the Bat Conservation Trust 2023 guidelines Table 6.2.

¹ Bat Level 2 Bat Class License 2025-80649-SCI-CL18

Results

Results of the GLTA are detailed below in **Table 2** and photos of the trees are included as an appendix. For consistency, tree reference numbers have been matched with those outlined in the arboricultural assessment undertaken by ROAVR².

Table 2: GLTA results

Tree number	Tree species	Age	DBH (cm)	Feature	Feature orientation, height, and location	Result
1	Betula pendula (Silver Birch)	Early-mature	24	None	N/A	None
7	Ulmus minor (Field Elm)	Young	8, 9	None	N/A	None
8	Ulmus minor (Field Elm)	Young	8	None	N/A	None
9	Ulmus minor (Field Elm)	Young	11	None	N/A	None
16	Ulmus minor (Field Elm)	Young	4.5, 6	None	N/A	None
36	Ilex aquifolium (Holly)	Semi-mature	16	None	N/A	None
37	Ilex aquifolium (Holly)	Semi-mature	13	None	N/A	None
38	Ilex aquifolium (Holly)	Semi-mature	12,11,10	None	N/A	None
39	Ilex aquifolium (Holly)	Semi-mature	16	None	N/A	None
40	Ilex aquifolium (Holly)	Early-mature	14,15,13, 12	None	N/A	None
52	Malus domestica (Apple)	Young	6	None	N/A	None
53	Malus domestica (Apple)	Semi-mature	5	None	N/A	None

² ROAVR Group (March 2026): Tree Survey, Arboricultural Impact Assessment & Arboricultural Method Statement. Meadow View, Blagrove Lane, Wokingham, RG41 4AU [25_5837_04_45]

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Tree number	Tree species	Age	DBH (cm)	Feature	Feature orientation, heigh, and location	Result
54	Malus domestica (Apple)	Early-mature	11, 15	None	N/A	None
55	Malus domestica (Apple)	Semi-mature	6	None	N/A	None
56	Malus domestica (Apple)	Semi-mature	6	None	N/A	None
57	Malus domestica (Apple)	Semi-mature	5	None	N/A	None

Discussion and Recommendations

The trees surveyed during this assessment were carefully inspected for features commonly associated with potential bat roosting, including cavities, cracks, splits, loose bark, woodpecker holes, and dense ivy cover. No such features were identified within any of the trees assessed. The trees were therefore classified as having negligible potential to support roosting bats.

In accordance with current best practice guidance, and based on the absence of suitable roosting features, no further surveys are recommended.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,



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APPENDIX 1 - SITE PHOTOGRAPHS



Image 1: Photograph of tree t7



Image 2: Photograph of tree t8



Image 3: Photograph of tree t9



Image 4: Photograph of tree t16



Image 5: Photograph of tree t36



Image 6: Photograph of tree t37



Image 7: Photograph of tree t38



Image 8: Photograph of tree t39



Image 9: Photograph of tree t40



Image 10: Photograph of tree t52



Image 11: Photograph of tree t53



Image 12: Photograph of tree t57



Image 11: Photograph of tree t1