

# Site Inspection Report

Land off Brascote Lane, Newbold Verdon



<b>Site Inspection reference</b>	SI-8338-01	<b>Date of inspection</b>	13.03.2025
<b>Inspected by</b>	<p>Josh Birchall BSc (Hons) MCIEEM, Bat Class Survey Licence WML CL17 (Level 1), Senior Ecologist</p> <p>Joshua Sadler BSc (Hons), Arboricultural Consultant</p>		
<b>Task description</b>	<p>Brooks Ecological were instructed to carry out a further survey of T7 at the proposed entrance to new development at Brascote Lane, Newbold Verdon. This survey was commissioned in response to the local authority (Leicester County Council) statement as follows;</p> <p><i>'The report states that T7 which is due for removal contains potential roosting features and requires further surveys. I cannot see details of this survey/s within the addendum therefore please can this be provided. I notice in the table T7 is categorised as PRF-I, I think it would be challenging to categorically say the features are only suitable for a small number of bats without further inspection. As this relates to site access this information is required prior to determination.'</i></p> <p><u>A climbed endoscope inspection</u> of all potential roost features was therefore undertaken on tree T7. Roped access techniques were employed to allow close inspection of all features which appeared to offer a space suitable for use by roosting bats.</p>		
<b>Report</b>	<p>T7 (location shown in Figure 1) is a mature oak, adjacent a small stream, with light ivy covering. It has been identified as PRF-I in Tyler Grange Report 'TG Report No. 16602_R04a_EJ' due to 'some fallen limbs leaving potential crevice features' and 'some ivy potentially obscuring further features'.</p> <p>Inspection was carried out initially by eye and where required with the aid of a high-powered torch. Following this, if required, endoscope inspection was also carried out to ensure all areas of the cavity were closely inspected. This process was repeated from each of the access holes to allow inspection from various angles.</p> <p>Several smaller dead limbs were inspected and found to support no suitable PRFs. Shallow rot holes on the southern facing limb high up in canopy though these were found to be facing upwards so susceptible to water ingress thus precluding it as a suitable PRF. A small hazard beam on the northern elevation, this was found to be an open and shallow features c.15cm wide by c. 5cm deep, again open to inclement weather and unsuitable to support roosting. Occluded bark around a larger dead limb on the southeastern aspect, this was found to be too shallow to act as a PRF. Ivy cover was in general found to be fairly light and not supporting suitable stem diameters/ overlapping stems to support roosting bats, likewise no features that were otherwise hidden from ground level were observed.</p>		

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	<p>A rot hole on the western elevation (shown in photos 2 and 4) was inspected via endoscope being c.15cm in depth and though only small large enough to facilitate bat access, however internally the feature was found to be wet likely limiting its suitability to support anymore than small numbers of bats.</p> <p>No bats or evidence thereof could be found in any part of this large cavity. No droppings were seen within the cavity and it emitted no odour associated with roosting bats.</p>
<b>Summary</b>	No evidence of current or historic roosting could be found in any of the PRFs identified on this tree. A likely absence of bats is concluded. The tree is considered to support a limited number of PRFs suitable for use by individual- low numbers of bats in line with its PRF-I designation in previous reporting.
<b>Further actions</b>	<p>Based on the results of this inspection, no further bat survey is considered necessary on this tree.</p> <p>Felling of this tree should be carried out in a precautionary manner; being cut in stages following a brief inspection by the tree surgeon.</p> <p>Although not found to support roosting - as per good practice, it is recommended that replacement roost features be erected on an adjacent tree or new unit built in close proximity to T7.</p>
<b>Figure 1</b>	<p>Tree 7 location taken from aerial imagery and from Tyler Grange Tree retention and removal plan drawing 16602P011</p> 

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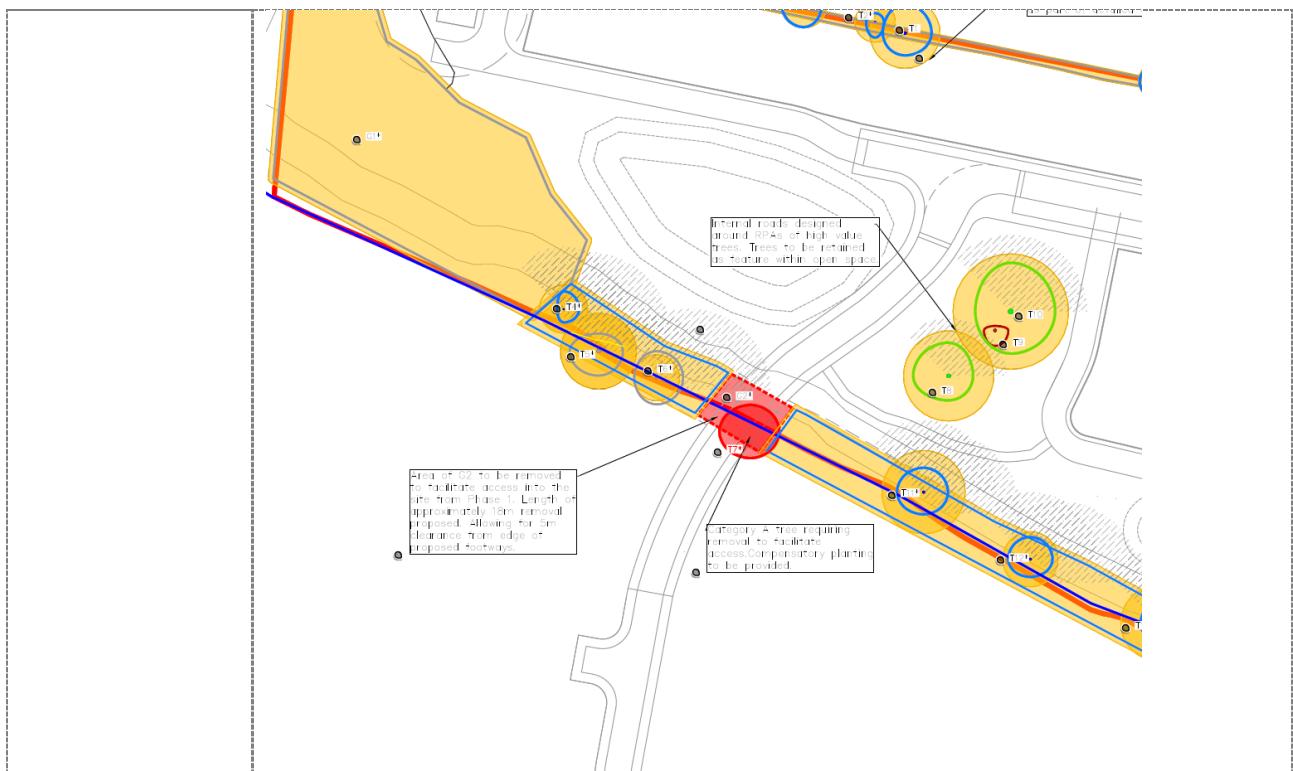
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## Photograph 1

Overview of T7



## Photograph 2

Features identified from ground level, including dead branch (L) and rot hole (R).



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## Photograph 3

Climbed  
inspection



## Photograph 4

Close up of  
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bark features (L)  
and rot hole (R).



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