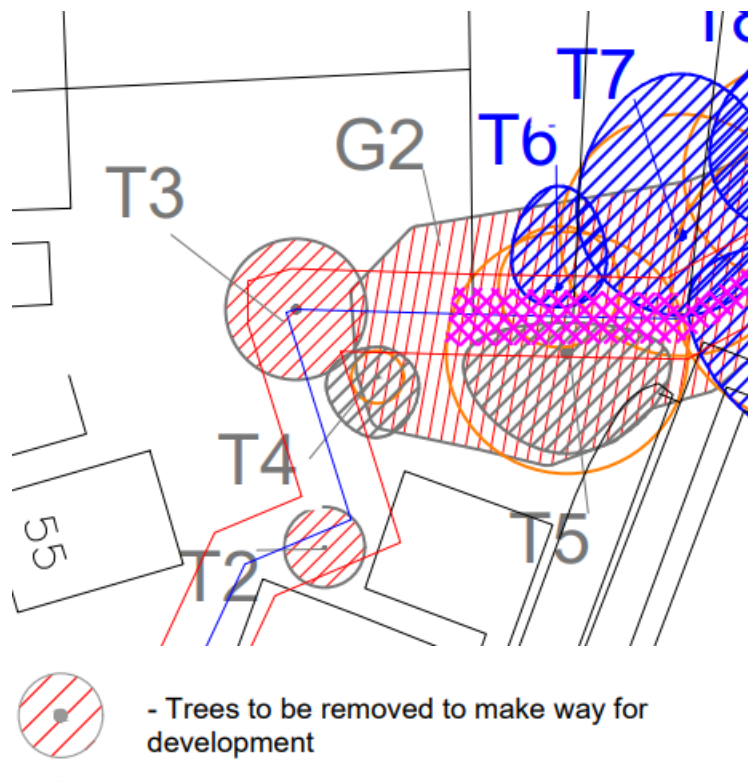

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Hello Lydia,

The proposed scheme will entail work to a number of trees and other vegetation, so we should require the Applicant to submit an Preliminary Ecological Appraisal to allow us to understand this impact. Where early mature or mature trees are to be felled, the likelihood of impacts upon roosting bats should also be assessed in the PEA.

In this respect, I am not certain about which trees are proposed to be removed. According to the Combined Arboricultural Impact Assessment/ Method Statement dated 10/11/25, Section 4 'Schedule of Tree Works' lists only G7 (3 Sycamores), T16 (an Oak) and T2 (an Ash) in the 'Removals' section. However the subsequent Section 5 'Tree Removals' states that 'The removal of approximately 30 trees is proposed on site, as shown in the Schedule of Tree Works', but that Schedule lists only 5 tree to be removed. The Tree Removal/Retention and Protection Plan dated 11th September is no clearer, and I am not sure of the treatment of T2, T3 and G2, for example, as these are not listed for removal in the schedule, but appear to be proposed for removal in this plan:-



Any PEA should set out with certainty which trees and bushes etc are to be removed, pruned or retained, and assess the ecological impact on roosting bats, nesting birds, or any other species they may support.

In addition, this case is an example of where a Green Infrastructure Statement would be useful, to show how the proposed works and any replacement planting scheme have reconciled ecology, biodiversity, arboriculture, amenity and soft landscaping.

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