

4-Jan-2022

HS2 (FOI dept) via Email

**FOI-21-3974, BATS AT GRIM'S DITCH**

Dear HS2 ,

In reply to FOI-21-3974 you stated

*"As no bat roosts were confirmed in the trees at Grim's Ditch, HS2 Ltd's mitigation during construction has taken the form of ensuring all trees were fully assessed by licensed bat ecologists and, although no evidence of breeding birds or roosting bats was identified, the tree felling was undertaken with supervision of a suitably experienced professional ecologist in a manner that would not cause harm to any other wildlife present."*

Please indicate

1. How many trees were inspected, and on what dates, during the 12 months prior to felling ?
2. How many Potential Roost Features were identified during these inspections ?
3. How many trees were climbed to perform such inspections ?
4. What licenses were in place, to cover the eventuality that bats or bat roosts were discovered in the course of these inspections, or the subsequent felling ?
5. What provision was made to deal with any bats discovered during the felling ?

Please process this request under the Environmental Information Regulations. Personal data (exception 12(3), 13) is not requested.

Regards,

Dr James Conboy,  
for the Chiltern Society

