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 **Update on programme of works as of February 2025**

Ecology Survey – Bats

Following the public consultation carried out last year, some concerns were raised as to the presence of bats within our work area.

 We commissioned a detailed ecological study/report to be investigated by qualified consultants and asked them to look at these concerns and report back, giving recommendations on how to address any issues.

The presence of bats was not evident in the investigations; however, several recommendations were made by the ecologist. We have redesigned the Redway Link proposal to address these recommendations.

These measures include planting 26 new trees of a wider variety; this is to give better biodiversity in the area. There will also be low-level bat-friendly lighting; this is so there is no disturbance to any flight paths for the bats.

We have also been working closely with our ecologist and The Park Trust. All works that have any ecological impact will be overseen/approved by a qualified ecologist.

The new design must go through several approvals, which are in progress now, and we are looking to start our works in early autumn of 2025. We will carry out a formal letter drop nearer the time of the actual work.