

To local residents living at and around the Binnengasthuis site

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Subject

Bat study in courtyard

Dear residents,

In compliance with applicable flora and fauna legislation, the University of Amsterdam will be conducting various studies in the courtyard between the Convent and Second Surgery Clinic over the coming period. We are writing to provide you with further information on these activities.

Identifying bat nests

The UvA will be assessing whether the Convent and Second Surgery Clinic are suitable habitats for bats. The study will focus on identifying bat nests. The studies have been scheduled during breeding season, which runs from May through September:

- 2 studies in the May-June period, focusing on maternity locations.
- 1 study in July, focusing on common pipistrelle winter residences.
- 2 studies in the late summer period, focusing on common pipistrelle mating locations.

Implementation

The studies will be carried out by one or two ecologists, who will work to locate bats on the basis of visual observations and sounds. This will involve the use of bat detectors, flash lights and binoculars. In view of the fact that bats are more active during the evening and night time, the studies will be conducted during this period. The studies can only be conducted under suitable weather conditions: relatively warm evenings, with little to no rain or wind.

Initial study

The first study is scheduled for the morning of Tuesday, 10 June, and will take place between 3:30 and 5:30. The researchers will be walking around the courtyard during this time. Although we do not expect there to be any noise, you may see light beams from the flash lights. Due to the fact that the research can only be carried out under specific weather conditions, we cannot provide you with exact dates in advance. As soon as more information becomes available, it will be published on our website www.uva.nl/binnenstad.

More information or any questions?

For the latest developments at the City Centre Campus, see www.uva.nl/binnenstad. If you have any questions, comments or complaints, please contact City Centre Campus area manager Chérie van der Meer by phone on 020 - 77 24 or via email atomgevingsmanager-binnenstad@uva.nl.

We hope that this provides all the information you need;

Yours sincerely,

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