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Sara

Thanks for your email regarding wildlife management.

Rooks have propensity to form large rookeries which pose a high strike risk to aircraft.

Belfast City Airport has a legal responsibility to safeguard the airport and surrounding areas from flocks of birds which could pose a risk to aircraft.

At Victoria Park we are attempting to prevent year on year expansion using habitat manipulation to discourage rather than prevent breeding altogether and that rooks (and their young) may in time naturally find an alternative location.

These works are only progressed after consulting with subject matter experts and obtaining the necessary licenses and permissions. The work is undertaken by suitably qualified personnel.

If any committee members would like to meet with myself in Victoria Park for an overview, I would be pleased to arrange this.

Best regards,
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