

10 August 2009, Monday

Dear Mr. Warendorf,

I am very sorry and saddened to learn of the loss of yet more birds, in this case two Woodpigeons at the glass walls of a building in the city of Amsterdam.

Clearly, as I predicted in my 14 July 2009 message, the spacing of the circles is too great to effectively prevent additional strikes and resulting fatalities. To further mitigate the lethal risk, I recommend adding additional circles between the existing ones, but even this placement may result in some additional future deaths. To eliminate all strikes, as I recommended in my last message, the city must apply these or smaller circles in a uniform pattern such that they are separated by 10 cm (edge to edge) if oriented in vertical columns, or by 5 cm if oriented in horizontal rows; results of my experiments repeatedly document that using this spacing between pattern elements (here dark circles) will create enough visual noise that birds as small as House Sparrows will be able to recognize the window as a barrier to be avoided. I strongly recommend additional circles to the existing pattern, if nothing else is done.

An external film with a dot pattern placed in horizontal rows was applied to a government building in Markham, Ontario, Canada (800 Markham Town Building, Markham, Ontario, Canada) and is to date showing effective prevention. This film was designed using my experimental results. You can view photographs of this building and windows with and without the film applied at the website of the Fatal Light Awareness Program (FLAP) at <http://www.flap.org>. The company who prepared and sells this film is called the Convenience Group, and the President of this company is Mr. Robert Alsip. Mr. Alsip's email address is balsiphaalditweg@conveniencegroup.com. You may want to alert the city government of Amsterdam about the existence of this film, and contact Mr. Alsip about its availability if they believe this is a worthy option for Amsterdam and this city building in particular. Other than offering Mr. Alsip information about my research I receive no other benefit from him or his product other than to know that I am attempting to offer advice to save more bird lives from clear and reflective sheet glass and plastic.

I certainly volunteer to write or speak directly to any government officials in Amsterdam about this problem and various means to address it if you believe that would help more than what I share with you. I would also appreciate learning what stronger language you recommend to more convincingly stimulate the government of Amsterdam to use more effective preventive measures to prevent the further killing of birds at windows in Amsterdam and throughout The Netherlands.

Again, I am willing and will do my best to try and help you and the birds you are trying to save to the best of my ability. I look forward to learning more from you regard how I can be of more effective help. I continue to be sincerely and respectfully yours, Dan (D. Klem, Jr.)

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