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Subject: RE: 26/0144 - Pencoed Castle

Hello Vicky, my only concern with this application is the impact on the lines of trees to the north and west of the building, and specifically upon the root protection areas of those trees. Therefore I would support any advice from the Arboricultural Officer in relation to tree protection. Otherwise, I am not concerned over the impact on the immediate habitat of the site of the proposed building and its access, as this consists of intensively managed agricultural land. A bat box is proposed together with some additional planting, but if consent for this scheme were granted then I would look for a more detailed biodiversity net benefit scheme. For example, on a new barn with a north-east facing gable end, a Barn Owl nest box would be more appropriate.

Matt