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Thank you Vicky, I do not object to this application in ecological terms, and would not ask for a bat or any other surveys.

However we should attach our bat advisory note in respect of the tree felling, to make the Applicant aware of what to do in the unlikely event that bats are discovered during works.

We should also remind the Applicant that these trees may support nesting birds at certain times of the year. They should avoid disturbance to nesting birds which are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981: Part 1, 1(1)(b), whereby it is an offence to intentionally take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while that nest is in use or being built.

The loss of these trees will have a significant impact on the green infrastructure of this area. Section 6.4.42 of PPW12 advises that '*Permanent removal of trees, woodland and hedgerows will only be permitted where it would achieve significant and clearly defined public benefits*', and also that where loss is unavoidable, three replacement trees should be planted for each tree lost. We should seek the views of our Tree Team and our Landscape advisor as to whether the tree felling is acceptable in Arboricultural and landscape terms (in the context of a Conservation Area) and if so, what compensation is appropriate in terms of replacement tree planting.

Matt