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Hello Lydia, the new building in question would be very close to some mature trees and a water feature, as shown below. However these are not mentioned in the application documents, and I am concerned that the placement of this building will damage the roots of this tree, potentially leading to its failure. The tree in question appears from aerial images to be a mature Oak or similar species, and is therefore likely to support a range of invertebrate, bird, fungi and lichen species, as well as possibly roosting bats. Therefore in the absence of any evidence to the contrary, I have to assume that there is likely to be a significant impact upon these species. In addition, no doubt there will be security lighting associated with the kennels, and this may cause disturbance to nocturnal species living in the tree, such as roosting bats.

Therefore the Applicant should provide a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal of the site, together with an assessment of the likely impact upon the habitats on site and any protected species they may support, followed by proposals for measures to mitigate these impacts, such that a net benefit for biodiversity can be demonstrated.

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