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Subject: DM/26/0454 - Ansty - Ecology
Attachments: Ecology Response_Technical Note issue 1.pdf, 260803 Place Services_Ecology 2.pdf

Steven,

I hope you are well.

We picked up on the website a further ecology response from Place Services dated 3 August 2026 (attached). This raises objection regarding:

- the additional two tree removals associated with the provision of the new footway along Bolney Road and lack of bat inspection and
- Dormice.

In response we have asked our ecologist to revisit the site to undertake the appropriate bat inspection of the two trees – which found they were not suitable for bats.

He has also confirmed that the consultee has misread the reports with respect to dormouse. The 2022 dormouse report and 2017 dormouse report all say no dormouse found on site and the 2025 PEA re-iterates this. All of these reports form part of the submission.

The ecologists technical note is attached for your file, which I hope clears up the misunderstanding on dormouse and provides us the information you need with regards to bats.

Kind regards,

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Hi Billy,

See response attached. Very strange that they completely misread the dormouse report.

Kind regards

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Brilliant – thanks Matt.

Kind regards,

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Hi Billy,

I can do it Thursday morning.

Kind regards

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Hi Matt

See attached – the additional removals are associated provision of a new footway along Bolney Road.

There are no losses to G2. The only losses in G1 relate to two trees at the north-eastern extremity of G1 closest to the junction with Marwick Close – they are shown in Appendix 2.

How quickly to do you feel you will be able to get out to site to review?

Kind regards,

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Hi Luke and Billy,

They appear to have misread our reports. The 2022 dormouse report and 2017 dormouse report all say no dormouse found on site and the 2025 PEA re-iterates this. Yet they say that our reports said we found Dormouse.

As for bats, we did inspect all the trees that are to be removed.

As such a simple response will clear these misunderstandings up.

Kind regards

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