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To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BR/276/21/PL Former Westside Supplies Unit, Durban Road, Bognor Regis

Dear Mr Meynell,

I note that the submitted Ecological Appraisal states at 3.4.2 that *"There are no buildings or trees on the site that are suitable for bats to roost. No suitable roost features were noted on the large willow trees at the northern end of the site, although these were not surveyed in detail. The site may be used by foraging bats, although it is too small to be of significant value."*

However, conversely our ecologist has stated that *"the three mature white willows much be retained as part of this application and safeguarded as per the appropriate British Standards. Mature willows are regarded as being some of the most likely for having bat roosting features"*

I note that the scheme is dependent on the removal of two trees/pruning of the third so any permission would need to sanction their loss and instead seek appropriate biodiversity net gain to compensate for the loss. However, can you get a response from your ecologists to our ecology comment. It would also be helpful if the trees could be surveyed in detail. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards

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