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Subject: RE: BR/267/21/PL Former Westside Supplies Unit, Durban Road, Bognor Regis

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Hi Simon,

I agree that the size of the site and lack of connectivity in marginal vegetation means that the site is unlikely to be of significant value for commuting and foraging bats. I weighed up the option of requesting a survey of the willow trees to ensure no potential roosting features were present, however the ecology report also stated that the trees should be protected from construction, so I thought that the survey would really be pointless unless the trees were required to be removed.

As plans have now changed, we will require for the trees to be assessed for potential roosting features. This should be undertaken by a suitably trained ecologist and the results of the survey along with any mitigation required should be submitted as part of this application.

I hope this helps.

Kind Regards,

Jen



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From: Simon Davis <Simon.Davis@arun.gov.uk>

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Dear Jen,

Your comments on this application requested that the three mature Willows trees be retained & safeguarded as mature willows are regarded as being some of the most likely for having bat roosting features.

However, the implementation of the proposal relies on felling the two Willows within the site and pruning the third (which is off-site). Their Ecological Appraisal states at 3.4.2 that *"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."*

Clearly this puts us in an impasse. Although the trees are not worthy of preservation so assuming no bat roosts present, they could be felled/pruned. I have requested a response from their ecologists in relation to your point. This is being reviewed but the agent has come back to me to ask if you would concur that the site is too small to be of significant value.

Can you provide further advice? If we are to insist on retention of the trees then I will need to refuse the application.

Simon.

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