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Memorandum

From: JOHN VERNON.

To: SARAH HUMPHRIES.

Subject: PROPOSED REMOVAL OF HEDGEROWS.

Your Reference: 08/00473/HEDGE. **My reference:** UA/ES/05/08.

Date: 19 May, 2008

As I understand the regulations, certain utilities including gas companies have a statutory right to seek permission to remove hedgerows. The attached application is for the diversion of a high pressure gas main as part of the Earl Shilton bypass scheme, and affects two sections of agricultural hedgerow, a total of ninety metres.
The hedgerow will be replaced with new planting to a specification supplied by the Leicestershire County County.
My one reservation, bearing in mind recent problems the developers of the road have had with the Department of the environment, is that care is taken to make provision for nesting birds should any be discovered within the areas to be removed.

J.V.

I've just realised that the green netting covering the hedges is probably to prevent birds nesting, in which case Q E D! J.V.