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Thank you for consulting the Forestry Commission on this application.

As a Non-Ministerial Government Department, the Forestry Commission provide no opinion supporting or objecting to an application. Rather we provide advice on the potential impact that the proposed development could have on trees and woodland including ancient woodland.

We have assessed the application documents and note there is no Ancient woodland or ancient/veteran trees on site. There is a 2ha plantation woodland on site, which we will be retained and the site is adjacent to another woodland.

We note that the majority of trees will be retained within the site and there are plans for significant further planting. Hedgerows, individual trees and woodlands within a development site should be considered in terms of their overall connectivity between woodlands affected by the development. Perhaps by linking up some of the woodlands, to create some larger woodland blocks and using hedgerow/hedgerow trees to ensure maximum gains to increase habitat connectivity and benefit biodiversity across the whole site.

The biosecurity of all planting stock also needs to be considered. Woodlands need to be climate, pest and disease resilient. Planting should contribute to a resilient treescape by maximising connectivity across the landscape. Plans should also be in place to ensure the long term management and maintenance of any new and existing woodland, with access also needing to be considered for future management.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes

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