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Sent: 29 October 2025 14:13
To: Claire Westwood
Subject: RE: Land North of Little Green Lane, Croxley Green, WD3 3SP - 24/2073/OUT

Hi Claire

Thanks for your email and for your patience waiting our response.

We have concerns regarding fencing the Ancient Woodland within the site, this will isolate the woodland further creating more negative impact. Negative impacts on irreplaceable habitat can't be justified on the basis that the woodlands are surrounded and isolated by agricultural land, that is entirely irrelevant.

We have concerns regarding the lack of evidence for wholly exceptional reasons as per NPPF Para 193 (c) as the information appears to confirm that loss or deterioration of the ancient woodlands is to be envisaged. In which case, the application should be referred to the Secretary of State for a decision as per my previous email.

If the country park were to be much more wooded, with the creation of a scrubby mosaic with grass and trees with spinneys, to reflect the importance of Ancient Semi Natural Woodland in the landscape, thus providing more enhanced connectivity between all of the Ancient Woodlands, it would be more preferable.

It would also be advisable that a Woodland Condition Assessment is undertaken for all the on site ancient woodlands, which can be used as a basis of an ongoing management plan. Ongoing condition could also then be monitored to inform decisions about potential impacts going forwards.

Of course education of residents regarding the scarcity and importance of ancient woodlands is also a good thing, however that shouldn't be used as a mitigation measure.

If you need any further information, please don't hesitate to come back to me.

Best wishes

Sandra

Sandra Squire

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