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Dear Jasmine Whyard

Thank you for re-consulting the Trust on the following application:-

**Reference: DC/23/05656**

**Proposal: Full Planning Application - Construction of a solar farm (up to 40MW export capacity) with ancillary infrastructure and cabling, DNO substation, customer substation and construction of new and altered vehicular accesses. | Land At Grove Farm And Land East Of The Railway Line, Bentley**

We have reviewed the document entitled "Applicant's response following consultation" dated 9th July 2024 in the light of our original consultation response of 31st January 2024.

We are pleased to see that the proposals have been amended to specify that horizontal directional drilling would be undertaken at a minimum depth of 2.5m below ground level in order to provide greater protection to the ancient alder tree identified as T31. We are content that the revised proposals address our concerns with regards to drill depth and we can withdraw our objection in this respect.

With regards to our comments in relation to potential encroachment into the veteran tree buffer zone for cable installation or maintenance, we would appreciate clarification as to whether T31 will be afforded a '15 times' veteran tree buffer zone, consistent with the approach taken in relation to other veteran trees on site, and in line with the standing advice. In particular, we would welcome confirmation that entry and exit points and associated infrastructure works would be situated outside of a '15 times' buffer zone.

We hope you find these comments helpful - if you would like to discuss any of the points raised, please contact us at [campaigning@woodlandtrust.org.uk](mailto:campaigning@woodlandtrust.org.uk)

Kind regards

Cathy Johannesen

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The Woodland Trust is not a statutory body which means we can advise but are not able to take direct action. However, we are alerted to many threats to ancient woodlands around the country, albeit with limited capacity to take on every case. As a charity, we provide all information in good faith, funded by public donations. Further information can be found [here](#).



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Please find attached planning re-consultation request letter relating to planning application - DC/23/05656 - Land At Grove Farm And Land East Of The Railway Line, Bentley, , ,

Kind Regards

Planning Support Team

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