

To facilitate the embankment / bund there will be a requirement for the loss of a fine Oak (T12 on your photo) which would not be ideal. However the site has a number of Oaks and other trees throughout its setting and the loss of a singular tree can be mitigated by the planting of new trees.

The proposed environmental scheme must be balanced against the loss of one tree (with the potential for replanting new trees) against the gains for the site in terms of biodiversity and other ecological benefits.

My view at this time is that the Oak should not be a constraint in this instance and we raise no objection to its removal with the proviso that if planning permission is given then two Oaks - nursery size 'standards' are planted as mitigation.

With regard to the proposed upgrade of the footpath - we would require a full Arboricultural Method Statement so as to ensure the trees adjacent are not compromised during construction.

Regards

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