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To: Stephen Cantwell

Cc: Jamie Gargett

Subject: RE: Nature Conservation value of 4 no cypress trees at 5A Mill Lane, Langstone - APP/14/00120

Hi Stephen,

Many thanks for your email. Following our conversation this morning, I can advise that the ecological value of such vegetation is likely to be very low/negligible. If I understand correctly, these 'trees' are in fact very tall western red cedar/Leyland cypress-type specimens which are frequently used to provide a fast-growing screen between properties. Such plants are not likely to support roosting bats due to an absence of any significant woody growth (branches).

There may be some potential for nesting birds to be present and therefore every precaution should be taken prior to their removal to assess the presence of bird nests. If present, any works should cease until nesting activity has concluded naturally. Alternatively, the works could be timed to avoid the nesting season altogether by avoiding the period March-August.

If you have any further queries please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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