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Subject: RE: DC/25/1269 Land North of Guildford Rd Bucks Green Rudgwick - HDC Ecology (BNG) 2nd Consultation Response

Hi Sam,

In relation to my consultation response, I have just had a brief conversation with the Forestry Commission in a webinar. FC were involved with the drafting of the BNG guidance.

I explained the situation relating to counting dead or dying trees to be removed separately within the biodiversity metric. They advised that the Arboricultural Impact Assessment refers to amenity and health only and does not cross-over with UKHab classification or BNG. As such, they argue these trees be assigned biodiversity value within the metric. Otherwise, BNG would be encouraging killing of trees to avoid counting their value.

In light of this, I **redact my comments on this issue** – updated comments attached. Please can you pass on this message to the Agent. The expectation is that these trees are included separately within the baseline and marked as lost.

If you have any questions, please do let me know.

Best,
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