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DC-24-1959 - Furnace Lakes

Hi Bethan,

The Trees team have been consulted on what appears to be a re-submission of the formerly refused application DC-24-1959 (former comments attached). There appears to have been no material changes in respect of the AW designation and thus my former objection and recommendations remain pertinent – refuse/withdraw.

As previously highlighted, Ancient Woodland (AW) designation is not an LPA function. The onus remains with the applicant to get Natural England confirmation of a change to the inventory to accommodate its potential loss.

AW is ultimately about soil and the seedbank within it. From my observations, the indigenous woodland could re-establish down to the lakeside edge if allowed to do so.

I gave post application guidance to the applicants ecologist in respect of potential site re-location (see attached correspondence). Clearly the estate is quite large and could potentially support tourism diversification in a less ecologically sensitive area.

Unless Natural England decide to alter the extent of AW at the site to accommodate the relatively recent engineering works, I do not support the loss of a section of the irreplaceable habitat for the proposed use. [REDACTED]

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Regards

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