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Re: BIO.1.3 – Woodlands

We note the applicants response regarding the removal of the woodland at the Bicker Fen Substation with the additional proposed compensatory woodland planting in the north of the site and within the hedgerows.

We are satisfied this will compensate for the loss of the woodland at Bicker Fen, however it may be beneficial if the new woodland was connected to the hedgerows around the site for better connectivity for wildlife.

Also, we would recommend that a woodland management plan is produced for the newly created woodland. A managed woodland can better withstand extreme weather events, be more resilient to the threat of pests and diseases and increase biodiversity. For example, controlling mammal populations and removing invasive plants can limit damage to young trees.

If you require any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes

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