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The Wilderness "Ockendon" Veteran Woodland & Watercourses

Having been on the accompanied site visit to the above, I was mortified to learn that the LTC is due to cut through the middle of this superb privately conserved area which is a haven for wildlife with watercourses feeding natural ponds.

Have National Highways taken into account within their proposals that these watercourses exist and how do they propose to mitigate this and the loss of veteran trees.

Ancient woodlands deserve to be protected. It is sad when old trees are lost due to severe weather conditions such as the storms of 1987 in which Kew Gardens and Wakehurst estate lost hundreds of trees overnight. To treat these woodlands as unimportant by earmarking them for development is totally unacceptable. They are an important part of our heritage and environment and deserve to be recognised as such.