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To whom it may concern,

I only became aware of the above investigation today.

The Secretary of State must delay any decision on the A66 until the outcome of this is known. Not to wait for the outcome would be negligence and a waste of taxpayers money.

Additionally the Secretary of State should follow advice from the woodland trust and request an Arboculture assessment and of Natural England who in a letter dated 19th Jan, gave statutory advice that the Secretary of State should seek further advice on whether this scheme complied with the new stricter obligation to seek to further the conservation of protected landscapes .

Yours faithfully,

Paul Crooks