

Dear Siân,

Thank you for getting in touch, and our apologies for the slow reply.

We will unfortunately be unable to attend the hearing tomorrow morning, however we would like to provide further thoughts on the translocation of T343.

The Trust does not support the use of translocation as an alternative to in-situ retention of ancient/veteran trees. Ancient/veteran trees are irreplaceable habitats, and this includes the roots, soil and mycorrhizal fungal networks belowground. As such, further opportunities to retain the tree in its current form should be explored, with translocation considered as a last resort.

Translocation of ancient/veteran trees holds significant risk of failure due to the age and condition of the trees proposed for re-location. There are limited examples of success, and it is a costly process to ensure success will occur. Therefore, the applicants should commit to a robust management and compensation strategy should Development Consent be granted.

If you wish to discuss our comments further, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,  
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