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Re: BIO.1.6 – Ancient Woodlands

We note the applicants response that buffer zones of at least 15m will be created for the Ancient Woodlands of Winchill Wood & Kidney Wood. However, they do not specify the exact size. The guidance for buffer zones is currently under review and is likely to be recommended to be increased. It is also known that roadside pollution can extend approximately 100 metres into adjacent woodlands. This could be particularly harmful for Ancient Woodlands, which are irreplaceable habitats.

Therefore, in this case, where a significant increase in traffic is likely, we would recommend that buffer zones are increased beyond the minimum 15 metres required.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes

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