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Attention Liz Pickering

Dear Sirs,

Mid Devon Green Infrastructure

Thank you for your letter in connection with the Initial Consultation relating to this issue. There is one particular matter that I would like to see acknowledged at this point.

In the light of the Council's adoption of the "Bouchier" site option for future development, there is even greater need for the hedge along the north west flank of Frog Street to be preserved not merely for its visual impact as a backdrop to Bouchier Close and screen to new works, but as a habitat in it's own right. This is fully recognised by the survey submitted by Devonshire Homes as prospective developers but should in my view form part of any positive conservation policy that the District Council puts forward.

The bank and outgrown coppiced hedging may sound insignificant but provide a microsystem which accommodates over 30 species of birds, including several red-listed species of which I keep regular record, several butterflies, bats and perhaps dormice. I have suggested that the sound major trees which are identified should be accorded TPO status.

This letter should not be construed as acceptance of the Council's adoption decision which will doubtless be opposed by the Community at any available opportunity, but as a safeguard against an even worse outcome.

Yours faithfully

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