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Subject: RE: P/21/0029 - Erection of two dwellinghouses with associated studio flats above attached garage, raised decking at rear and formation of access Bothwell Rd, Hamilton
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Hi Jim,

As discussed, here are my comments on the application, feel free to take what is needed and let me know if you need anything further. I think I sent you the response from NatureScot regarding the ancient woodland inventory but let me now if you need it again.

- I support Scottish Forestry's statement that "permanently removing woodland results in a permanent net biodiversity loss".
- The site has a place in the landscape as a stepping stone of habitat in the existing woodland network.
- The site has long been identified as a SINC/LNCS. It was assessed for its biodiversity value in 2019 and passed the criteria for becoming notified as an LNCS; though the formal process for doing so has not been completed. I would therefore consider that the site is of local value in the South Lanarkshire context and should be recognised as such by the Planning process.
- Based on historical mapping and emails with NatureScot, the woodland at this site is at least LEPO and may be of ancient origin. The associated ground flora, soil, microbes and fungi are therefore likely to be an irreplaceable biodiversity asset; new woodland will not recreate the habitat.
- I am of a mind to object to the application. The only further information that has potential to contribute to decision making would be an ecological and mapping exercise to determine the value of the woodland as LEPO or AW. The applicant should note that this has the potential to further confirm the value of the woodland as an irreplaceable biodiversity asset. As stated in the [AWI guidance](#), many woodlands of LEPO have similar value to AW and should be treated as such.

- Louisa.

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Morning Louisa/Andy

Please see the attached representation submitted by the Hamilton Park South residents association. As you will see it is quite extensive and goes into a lot of detail on matters relating to the trees on the site, wildlife and the quality of the landscape. I was wondering if it would be worthwhile re-scheduling our meeting this afternoon to another day so we can properly digest the matters raised as it's quite a sensitive application? There are currently 40 objections to the application with 4 letters of support.

If this was ok I finish today until next Tuesday and ideally my preferred dates would be next Wednesday or Thursday if possible.

Andy I'm aware you might not have been attending today but it would be useful to get your input.

Thanks

Jim

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