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Sent: 04 February 2021 16:32
To: Planning <planning@oxford.gov.uk>
Subject: Consultation response - Planning Application 20/03254/CT3 Site Of 54-112 Barns Road Ox-ford Oxfordshire OX4 3RE

For the attention of Kelly Whelan

Please find below, Natural England's response in relation to the above mentioned consultation.

Application ref: 20/03254/CT3
Our ref: 340153

Dear Ms. Whelan

Natural England has **no comments** to make on this application.

Natural England has not assessed this application for impacts on protected species. Natural England has published [Standing Advice](#) which you can use to assess impacts on protected species or you may wish to consult your own ecology services for advice.

Natural England and the Forestry Commission have also published standing advice on [ancient woodland and veteran trees](#) which you can use to assess any impacts on ancient woodland.

The lack of comment from Natural England does not imply that there are no impacts on the natural environment, but only that the application is not likely to result in significant impacts on statutory designated nature conservation sites or landscapes. It is for the local planning authority to determine whether or not this application is consistent with national and local policies on the natural environment. Other bodies and individuals may be able to provide information and advice on the environmental value of this site and the impacts of the proposal to assist the decision making process. We advise LPAs to obtain specialist ecological or other environmental advice when determining the environmental impacts of development.

We recommend referring to our SSSI Impact Risk Zones (available on [Mapx](#) and as a downloadable [dataset](#)) prior to consultation with Natural England. Further guidance on when to consult Natural England on planning and development proposals is available on gov.uk at <http://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-planning-authorities-get-environmental-advice>

Yours sincerely

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