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**Sent:** 26 January 2021 10:54  
**To:** Planning Comments  
**Cc:** Les Jones  
**Subject:** FW: Fort Halstead comments

Please could the email below be treated as the consultation response from the SDC Tree Officer on application 19/05000/HYB.

Many thanks, Claire

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**From:** Les Jones <Les.Jones@sevenoaks.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 25 January 2021 16:35  
**To:** Claire Shearing <Claire.Shearing@sevenoaks.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: Fort Halstead comments

My main concern after reading some of the new stuff was as before with the affects on the Ancient Woodlands. The much increased pedestrian traffic post development has the potential to cause harm to the flora of the site. I would therefore expect to see a woodland management scheme which could be conditioned. Such a scheme would be required to manage the routes through the woods. Footpaths lead people, and ideally they should lead people away from sensitive areas such as where indicator plants are. Trees should be managed in a way that encourages fauna. Pre managed parts of the woodlands would require continual management over time. Possibly coppicing or where Coniferous plantation exists it could be replanted with suitable native deciduous species and suitable management of dominant species such as bramble, Holly etc. If feasible I would expect to see a suitable management scheme in place in perpetuity.

I do see that the overall scheme and the information provided to us has been well thought out and investigated by appropriately qualified people. The information we have been supplied with does therefore appear to be to a sufficient acceptable standard.

## Mr Les Jones

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