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Morning Simon,

Further to our conversation on this issue, I am emailing to confirm that a BS5837 tree survey will not be required for the installation of the pedestrian boardwalk within W1 (wet woodland) at Swanvale.

In my professional opinion, the survey is simply not required. I can confirm that I have identified and marked out the proposed boardwalk on the basis of avoiding tree removal and minimising impacts to the wet woodland habitat. I identified the route in the presence of a qualified ecologist. The proposed route was plotted using a GPS device and marked using a biodegradable spray marker.

There are multiple trees in W1, some with potentially overlapping root protection areas above which the boardwalk will cross as a suspended structure. None of the root protection areas will be compromised by the project. Parts of the boardwalk route do not cross root protection areas, but the access and installation methodology would remain consistent throughout the project due to the ground conditions. It is also essential that the installation method minimises disturbance to the ground flora of the priority habitat.

The boardwalk would be formed from the designated point of access to W1. The supports for the structure would be installed within minimal ground disruption using a 'ground screw' type system to support the actual boardwalk, which is suspended above ground level. The ground screws are installed using a compressed air tool operated by a pedestrian operator, the holes of which would normally be pre-drilled prior to installation. All materials would be manually brought into the site on foot, forming and using the boardwalk as a working platform.

If Cornwall Council require it, an Arboricultural Method Statement could be produced to state the access and working methodology, but this would need input from the appointed contractor to ensure there is consistency in approach.

Please feel free to forward this email to the Planning Case Officer at the registration stage, as it sets out the case for avoiding an unnecessary and expensive survey that would not alter the project objectives.

Regards

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