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Dear Chief Planning Officer

Council Policy on 'netting' of trees and hedgerows during development works

I write on behalf of the Herefordshire Ornithological Club (HOC) to express our concern about the apparent increased use of 'netting' by developers throughout the County.

We share the concerns expressed both locally in the recent article in the Hereford Times www.herefordtimes.com/news/17535995.outrage-over-hedgerow-netting/ and nationally through the online petition signed by over 300,000 persons and considered recently by the Government https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/244233?reveal_response=yes.

The HOC's position is unequivocal. We believe that 'netting' by developers should be approved by local government authorities in exceptional circumstances only and that it should be kept to a minimum.

I would be grateful if you could provide the HOC with details of how Herefordshire Council addresses the issue of 'netting' during the Planning Application process and whether any Planning Enforcement reviews have led to the removal of 'netting' by developers.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Susanna Grunsell'.

Susanna Grunsell (Chair)