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Muddle Barn Farm, Colony Road, Sibford Gower

Creation of new driveway and part removal of existing driveway

Bob

The amended plans state the driveway will be 2m from the hedgerow canopy. In my opinion this is very close - leaving little buffer to this stretch of hedgerow and likely impacting on any hedgerow base flora. Whilst I appreciate there is a pinch point as it goes between the plantation to the West and the hedgerow for about 30m, after this point the driveway could be kept further from the hedgerow than 2m (until it turns off to join the access point to the road), as this would have a lesser impact on biodiversity on site. An adjustment to leave 5m to the hedge would be preferable.

The additional tree planting is welcome and should use native species.

Beyond this recommendation I have no further comments.

Kind regards

Charlotte

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