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Dear Sir/Madam

The Woodland Trust has been made aware of the following application:-

Planning Application 21/03267/OUT

OS Parcel 0006 South East Of Baynards House Adjoining A43 Baynards Green

Outline planning permission (all matters reserved except for access) for the erection of buildings comprising logistics (Use Class B8) and ancillary Office (Use Class E(g)(i)) floorspace and associated infrastructure; construction of new site access from the B4100; creation of internal roads and access routes; and hard and soft landscaping

We note that the proposed development is in the vicinity of a Woodland Trust site, known as Stoke Wood, at grid reference SP55232797. The majority of this wood is also designated ancient woodland (ASNW or PAWS) on Natural England's Ancient Woodland Inventory.

We request that in considering the application, the Planning Authority ensures that it is satisfied there will be no adverse indirect impacts on Stoke Wood. For example, potential impacts associated with this type of development could include light, noise and dust pollution during both construction and operational phases, increased emissions affecting the woodland, and the reduction of semi-natural habitat near to the woodland.

When a change of land use occurs, such as in this situation, plant and animal populations can be exposed to environmental impacts from the outside of a woodland. In particular, the habitats may become more vulnerable to the outside influences that result from the nearby land's change of use. These external impacts can affect ancient woodland cumulatively and therefore must be mitigated for appropriately.

We request that mitigation measures are secured, as necessary, to alleviate any such impacts and ensure that Stoke Wood is adequately protected.

I hope this is helpful. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you would like to discuss further.

Kind regards

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The Woodland Trust is not a statutory body which means we can advise but are not able to take direct action. However, we are alerted to many threats to ancient woodlands around the country, albeit with limited capacity to take on every case. As a charity, we provide all information in good faith, funded by public donations. Further information can be found [here](#).





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