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Good morning. I would usually comment via the website. However, this function is not currently working.

The Arboricultural elements/constraint are components of a number of current sections within the EIA scoping report. However, aside from general references there is no (as far as can be ascertained) any specific reference to Arboricultural impacts within the report. Arboricultural impacts are likely to be one of the most visible along the route of the pipeline and potentially at the site of capture facilities, AGI's and BVS, both negatively in terms of loss/damage and positively in terms of mitigative planting. The routing of the pipeline may be impacted by the requirement to avoid such high value features as veteran trees.

Ancient woodland is specifically noted (p126-130) and hedgerow surveys are noted at p146. Tree Preservation orders and hedgerow regulations are noted at p159.

In order for the Arboricultural impacts to be understood and for mitigatory measures to be proposed and assessed, it will be necessary to carry out tree surveys to the relevant British Standard. This is currently BS5837-2012. It is noted that the scoping corridor (for the pipeline) will be further refined down to a 100m wide boundary. The 100m corridor allows contractor to make minor routing adjustments to 'minimise disruption of ecological features such as trees..' This is welcomed and the timing of surveys would presumably align with the reduction of the provisional corridor to the lower width to avoid abortive work.

3.2.81 Trenchless construction used for SSI, Ancient woodland etc is noted and welcomed as a mitigatory measure.

It is accepted that the LVIA will inform iterative design processes in terms of siting etc and this may have an impact on siting of infrastructure. Again, the timing of surveys will need to work alongside the iterative process.

However, the Arboricultural survey process will -in the view of this Council- need to be specifically scoped into the Environmental Impact Assessment, as a stand-alone section, due to the significant impacts that could be occasioned by the proposal and the similarly significant impacts on several other sections of the report.

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