From: GHI SCC Ecology
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To: SCC Planning Mailbox; Aimee Brannan
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Subject: RE: Planning Application SCC/0012/26SE - Haverhill Waste Transfer Station, Haverhill

Proposal: The installation of a fire suppression system and associated ancillary infrastructure

Dear Aimee,

I hope you are well.

Thank you for sending the application across for Haverhill Waste Transfer Station.

The BNG plan associated with the development states it is exempt from BNG due to the de minimus exemption. The applicant should provide specific detail on the area of non-priority habitat within the redline boundary to confirm this exemption rather than the extant description in the plan of "less than 25m2".

The Arboricultural assessment provided for this application refers to, "*Cotoneater spp*." within the "group of trees" to the north included in the assessment. Several species of Cotoneaster are listed as invasive species on Schedule 9, Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. It is an offense to release into the wild or cause the spread of any species listed on Schedule 9, deliberately or otherwise. The applicant should look to provide acknowledgement of the presence of this species and provide clarification as to how no such contravention of the legislation would occur i.e. method statement, clarification that species present is not listed on Schedule 9 or confirmation the plant will not be disturbed in situ.

I hope this helps, any questions please let me know.

Kindest Regards,

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