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further email and the results of his survey.

Although view that a licence is not required, having spoken with him this afternoon we feel that it would be useful for the three of us to meet on site to agree mitigation for harvesting operations where otter are present and agree a method statement for the SAC which is required by, NRW for the Habitat Regulations Assessment.

We would also look at and agree the extent and nature of harvesting operations that will take place within or adjacent to dormice and bat habitat. This would also provide all the information I will need to compile a Method Statement and Application for Licence to Disturb Dormice which I am inclined to submit to NRW as a precautionary approach. In terms of bats we would be looking to identify and mark possible bat roost trees and flight lines to avoid these when harvesting and proceed using best practice.

In terms of cost, estimates that the total cost of two visits and the report to be no more than £600 which would be fully funded through the grant as stated in my email 19th Feb.

If you are happy with the above we are looking at meeting on site next Wed am, could you let me know asap if this is convenient.

Many thanks

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Further to my email to below and our site visit last week.

In view of the high favourability of dormice habitat in all three compartments I have re-assessed plan and would suggest we look to work 25% of each of the 3 compartments over the five yr period of the plan to meet best practice for DM Licence. This would equate to 19m3 in 2016 from Cpts 1 and 3 and 27m3 from Cpt 2 in 2018. The areas identified on the map reflect those areas that you were keen to work in this GWM 5 yr period.

In view of the condition of the existing track in compartment 3 I agree that upgrade is required to work this section safely and, due to the nature of the terrain and proximity to river Usk it would be prudent to use geotex and stone. I estimate that 100m of track upgrade from the gate should be sufficient to work the section identified for thinning/coppice in 2018.

Could you please let me know if you would be happy to progress this contract on this basis.

Many thanks

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I have looked through the method statement and all looks ok to me. Not sure where we are but I am happy to proceed to contract being drawn up, and include the additional 100m track and funding for Otter/ Dormice survey by

Any queries please let me know.

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