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This looks fine as a record of the appropriate assessment under the Habitats Regulations. I agree with your conclusion that the works as specified will not have an adverse effect on the integrity of the River Usk SAC, including Otter as a feature of the SAC. (I suggest that the document would be improved by giving the title as "Method Statement including Habitats Regulations Assessment and European Protected Species screening" or similar, to make it clearer what it covers).

There are one or two outstanding issues in relation to Dormouse at the site. I think the discovery of dormouse at the site makes the work proposed even more worthwhile, provided it is done sympathetically under Licence of course.

Regards

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Thanks for the message. I have changed the title of the Method Statement to HRA and added a note re protecting the integrity of the SAC. If you are happy with this version I will add your "sign off" comments to the felling licence.

Agree with your thoughts re April/May and breeding birds, but as we only have 2 x 2 month window to complete felling and extraction of timber under dormice best practice I would keen to keep April/May as an option if weather and ground conditions are favourable during this period.

Regards

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