

Letter of Support: "Save our Leather Lane Oaks' Campaign: 21st February 2022

The Chiltern Society support the aim of the 'Save our Leather Lane Oaks' Campaign to minimise the loss of mature oak trees along this ancient sunken lane.

There is clear evidence that this line of trees is and has been used for years by bats for roosting, foraging and commuting. The more gaps that are created the more the bats will be disturbed. We would also draw attention to the General U&A 2115, which offers additional protection for at risk bat and bird populations.

Since the inception of HS2 we have asked for 'green' bridges to be included in the design of the HS2 route passing through the Chilterns AONB to ensure the disturbing animal migration patterns is kept to the minimum.

We believe that the alternative proposals made by the Campaign should be given full consideration by HS2/EKFB to ensure that

- the voices of local people are listened to
- the tree removal is kept to an absolute minimum.
- the bat and bird populations are protected as far as possible

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Simon Kearey".

Simon Kearey

Chair - Chiltern Society

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