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I would like to say that the information on birds contained in the application documents including the ES is a mixture of the superficial, incomplete and the inaccurate.

There are numerous points I could make:

The size of the Starling roost in the conifer plantation is hugely understated. There are usually winter peaks of 130,000 to 180,000 and as yet unverified occasional counts of 2 to 3 times this number. There are also several species of specially protected birds of prey associated with the roost namely Short-eared Owl, Hen Harrier, Merlin, Peregrine, Goshawk, Sparrowhawk, Buzzard and Red Kite. These are all seen regularly taking birds as they go in to roost and as they leave soon after dawn. The behaviour of the huge gathered flock and these predators prior to going down to roost is also highly important with regard to strikes. The roost also includes from time to time up to at least 10,000 thrushes mostly Redwing, Blackbird and Fieldfare.

Peregrine falcons have also nested on Llandegley Rocks in most recent years. The report also fails to recognise the wildfowl and gulls associated with Llanwefr Pool and the important fact that the area lies on a major migratory bird flight path which takes and receives birds from all points north and north east to and from the Edw and thence the Wye valleys.

The coverage of the breeding bird community are also incomplete and superficial.

I have been making bird observations in the area for over 30 years and have recently written The Birds of Radnorshire which includes much of the above information and other records for the area concerned.

There is a great deal more that I could say on the importance of the area for birds. I will be sending in a formal objection later.

Yours Sincerely

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