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To: [Rebecca Adams](#); [Laura Garth](#)
Subject: FW: Planning Application Consultation 15NP0048 Land above Hawsden Burn, Langleeford House, Wooler, Northumberland, NE71 6RG
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From: Robert Mayhew
Sent: 17 June 2015 13:52
To: DC Consultation
Subject: RE: Planning Application Consultation 15NP0048 Land above Hawsden Burn, Langleeford House, Wooler, Northumberland, NE71 6RG

Dear Rebecca,

15NP0048 - Construction of 10 no. sunken grouse butts on land above Hawsden Burn, Langleeford House, Wooler, Northumberland, NE71 6RG

Thank you for consulting me on the above application. I wish to make the following comments on the potential landscape, lighting, hedgerow and tree implications associated with this proposed development.

- From a landscape perspective the proposed development is set within the open moorland landscape of the [Cheviot National Character Area](#). The nearest publically accessible receptor sites for this proposed development include the surrounding Access Land, Earl public footpath 14 and Earl Public bridleway 10. From the details provided, I welcome the fact that the new line of proposed grouse butts are sunken into the ground, thereby making them less visible within the landscape. Additionally the removal of the infrastructure associated with the two existing lines of grouse butts is seen as good practice and I believe that it will have a beneficial effect on the landscape character and views found in this part of the National Park. In relation to the construction and use of the new line of grouse butts I believe that the activity having the greatest effect on the landscape in this part of the Park is the use of the access track from the valley road to the butts themselves and marked green on the plans provided. The moorland track is badly eroded in places and can be seen as a scar across the landscape from numerous receptor sites across the valley. Whilst not part of this application I would encourage the estate to develop and implement a sustainable track maintenance plan to help soften the effect that this track has on the surrounding landscape. (see pic 1 below).



- The applicant has indicated that there will not be any new external lighting associated with this proposed development. The Dark Skies Park status of the National Park would not therefore be threatened by an increase in light pollution resulting from this application.
- From the details provided within the application form the proposed development will not affect any notable trees or hedges. I do not believe that a tree survey or tree protection measures are required in this case.

I have no objections to this application, indeed I believe that it will result in a long-term benefit to the landscape character and views of this popular part of the National Park.

If you have any questions in relation to the above please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

Robert Mayhew

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Please see the attached consultation regarding a planning application which has been received by Northumberland National Park Authority. Full details can be viewed at <http://nnpa.planning-register.co.uk/plaPlanningAppDisplay.aspx?AppNo=15NP0048>

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