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Dear Sirs,

Neighbouring Authority Consultation - Construction of 36 no. new holiday accommodation lodges with associated access road, car parking and landscaping at Caravan Site, Leaplish, Falstone, Hexham, Northumberland, NE48 1AX

I write to you in response to the planning consultation listed above.

Northumberland National Park Authority has considered the proposals and raises **no objection**.

The only comments that we would wish to make relate to external lighting, due to potential effects that inappropriate lighting can have upon the dark skies and tranquillity of Northumberland National Park and Northumberland Dark Sky Park.

The external lighting proposals shown on plan *1014-ME-003 Rev P4* are considered to be appropriate. Option 2 shown on this plans would be the preference from these two lighting options, as they would achieve a fuller and more horizontal cut off of the lighting, which should further restrict upward light spill.

A condition along the lines of the one below is also requested in order to allow for management of any additional lighting in the future to ensure that the dark skies and tranquillity of Northumberland National Park and Northumberland Dark Sky Park are protected.

Prior to the fixing of any additional external lighting within the site, other than lighting shown on plan 1014-ME-003 Rev P4, details of the external lighting shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Details should include:

- *The specific location of all external lighting units;*
- *Design of all lighting units;*
- *Details of beam orientation and lux levels; and*

- *Any proposed measures such as motion sensors and timers that will be used on lighting units*

The approved lighting scheme shall be installed in accordance with the approved details and shall be maintained as such thereafter, unless removed entirely.

Reason: In order to ensure that there is no harmful effect upon the tranquility and intrinsically dark character of the area, including the Northumberland Dark Sky Park, through excessive light pollution, in accordance with paragraph 125 of the NPPF.

Yours faithfully,

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