

Your Ref. DM/14/MISC/5127

Richmond  
Hepple  
Morpeth  
Northumberland  
NE65 7LQ

Northumberland National Park Authority  
Eastburn  
South Park  
Hexham  
Northumberland  
NE46 1BS

Attention of: John Parker  
Planning Technical Officer

29<sup>th</sup> May 2014  
**By Email Only**

Dear John,

**RE: Construction of new private water supply infrastructure  
Midgy Ha, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE65 7AS**

With reference to your letter dated 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2014, please see below the response (numbered in line with the points in your letter) to the queries raised:-

1. The proposed 2000 litre tank will be of preformed GRP construction with dimensions as detailed on the enclosed Drawing No. PMQ12150 – Potable Water Tank (other than the inlet and outlet pipework which is to be 150mm diameter, not 110mm dia., to tie into the existing carrier pipe). The main body of the tank will have a 150mm thick concrete surround to provide structural integrity and protection. The tank will be installed on the line of the existing gravity flow water carrier pipe which has been located on the proposed installation site at a depth of approx 500mm below ground level. The tank will be installed in an open excavation (using JCB 3CX or 2.5T tracked excavator) following temporarily stopping the flow (by inserting a pipe stopper) in the existing pipe at the spring source. The tank excavation will be a maximum depth of 1.5m below existing ground level and horizontal dimensions approx. 3.0m x 1.5m. On completion, only the 600mm Diameter access lid will be visible, which will be projected above ground level by approx 200mm to avoid groundwater ingress.
2. The excavated material will be used to backfill the trench. The original surface material (mostly grass/bracken) will be set aside separate to the substrata and reinstated on backfilling. The material removed for the tank installation will be used to backfill over and adjacent to the tank. No material is proposed to be removed from site.
3. No trees will be affected by the proposed pipework route.

In response to your penultimate paragraph, we were advised by Heather York of Natural England in December 2013 regarding this matter; however, following receipt of your letter I have made further contact with her and have attached a copy of her response email for your information. I understand that Heather is to make contact with yourselves to seek clarification on this matter and will advise me in due course over the consent requirements.

I trust that provision of the above details and attached drawing will enable you to validate the Planning Application, however, in the meantime, should you have any queries or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me on telephone number [REDACTED] or by email at [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

Darren Whitfield

c.c. Sir Walter Riddell - Hepple Whitefield Estate  
Heather York – Natural England