

**From:** Consultations (NE) [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 29 October 2014 15:06  
**To:** DC Consultation  
**Subject:** Re: 14NP0079  
**Attachments:** 135745-14NP0079-NEresponse.pdf; 135745 H.pdf

For the attention of Mr M Miller

14NP0079 (Dismantle existing Kingspan KW6 wind turbine, Morpeth)

Please find Natural England's response in relation to the above mentioned consultation attached herewith.

<<135745-14NP0079-NEresponse.pdf>> <<135745 H.pdf>>

We welcome your feedback on Natural England's revised standing advice. Please provide comments and suggested improvements regarding usability, quality of content and its clarity and effectiveness as a tool in guiding decision-making using the text box on the attached customer feedback form. Alternatively email your feedback directly to [consultations@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:consultations@naturalengland.org.uk).

Regards

Joanne Widgery

Natural England

Sustainable Development

Consultations Team

Hornbeam House

Crewe Business Park

Electra Way,

Crewe

Cheshire, CW1 6GJ

Tel: [REDACTED]

Email: [consultations@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:consultations@naturalengland.org.uk)

[www.naturalengland.org.uk](http://www.naturalengland.org.uk)

**We are here to secure a healthy natural environment for people to enjoy, where wildlife is protected and England's traditional landscapes are safeguarded for future generations.**

In an effort to reduce Natural England's carbon footprint, I will, wherever possible, avoid travelling to meetings and attend via audio, video or web conferencing.

Natural England is accredited to the Cabinet Office Customer Service Excellence Standard

This email and any attachments is intended for the named recipient only. If

you have received it in error you have no authority to use, disclose, store or copy any of its contents and you should destroy it and inform the sender. Whilst this email and associated attachments will have been checked for known viruses whilst within the Natural England systems, we can accept no responsibility once it has left our systems. Communications on Natural England systems may be monitored and/or recorded to secure the effective operation of the system and for other lawful purposes.

Date: 29 October 2014  
Our ref: 135745  
Your ref: 14NP0079



Mr M Miller  
Northumberland National Park Authority  
Eastburn  
South Park  
Hexham  
Northumberland  
NE46 1BS

Sustainable Development  
Hornbeam House  
Crewe Business Park  
Electra Way  
Crewe  
Cheshire  
CW1 6GJ

T 0300 060 3900

## BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Mr Miller

**Planning consultation:** Dismantle existing Kingspan KW6 domestic wind turbine and re-erect in new location

**Location:** Uswayford Farm, Harbottle, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE65 7BU

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated and received by Natural England on 24 October 2014.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

### **The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended)**

Natural England's comments in relation to this application are provided in the following sections.

#### **Statutory nature conservation sites – no objection**

Based upon the information provided, Natural England advises the Council that the proposal is unlikely to affect any statutorily protected sites or landscapes.

#### **Protected species**

We have not assessed this application and associated documents for impacts on protected species.

Natural England has published [Standing Advice](#) on protected species. The Standing Advice includes a habitat decision tree which provides advice to planners on deciding if there is a 'reasonable likelihood' of protected species being present. It also provides detailed advice on the protected species most often affected by development, including flow charts for individual species to enable an assessment to be made of a protected species survey and mitigation strategy.

You should apply our Standing Advice to this application as it is a material consideration in the determination of applications in the same way as any individual response received from Natural England following consultation.

The Standing Advice should not be treated as giving any indication or providing any assurance in respect of European Protected Species (EPS) that the proposed development is unlikely to affect

the EPS present on the site; nor should it be interpreted as meaning that Natural England has reached any views as to whether a licence is needed (which is the developer's responsibility) or may be granted.

If you have any specific questions on aspects that are not covered by our Standing Advice for European Protected Species or have difficulty in applying it to this application please contact us with details at [consultations@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:consultations@naturalengland.org.uk).

### **Local sites**

If the proposal site is on or adjacent to a local site, e.g. Local Wildlife Site, Regionally Important Geological/Geomorphological Site (RIGS) or Local Nature Reserve (LNR) the authority should ensure it has sufficient information to fully understand the impact of the proposal on the local site before it determines the application.

### **Impact Risk Zones for Sites of Special Scientific Interest**

Natural England has recently published a set of mapped Impact Risk Zones (IRZs) for Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs). This helpful GIS tool can be used by LPAs and developers to consider whether a proposed development is likely to affect a SSSI and determine whether they will need to consult Natural England to seek advice on the nature of any potential SSSI impacts and how they might be avoided or mitigated. Further information and guidance on how to access and use the IRZs is available on the [Natural England website](#).

We would be happy to comment further should the need arise but if in the meantime you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

For any queries regarding this letter, for new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to [consultations@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:consultations@naturalengland.org.uk).

We really value your feedback to help us improve the service we offer. We have attached a feedback form to this letter and welcome any comments you might have about our service.

Yours sincerely

Joanne Widgery  
Sustainable Development Consultation Team