

From: Robert Mayhew
Sent: 09 October 2014 14:40
To: DC Consultation
Subject: RE: Planning Application Consultation 14NP0086 Uswayford Farm, Harbottle, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE65 7BU

Michael,

14NP0086 - Proposed installation of 16 ground mounted photovoltaic panels to generate electricity for Uswayford Farm at Uswayford Farm, Harbottle, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE65 7BU

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

- From a landscape perspective the nearest publically accessible receptor sites for this proposed development is Alwinton public bridleway 16 that passes 4 meters to the south of the proposed development. Additionally Alwinton public footpath 25 passes approximately 5 meters to the west of the development site and much of the surrounding moorland to the north, east and south has been designated as 'Access Land'. It is understood that the use of these public rights of way and access land is limited due to the remoteness of this part of the National Park. The solar PV array is sited adjacent to an existing wire fence and traditional stone wall and the existing farm buildings and conifer trees at Uswayford will screen this PV array from receptor sites to the south. From the details provided within this application and due to its location within the curtilage of the farm buildings at Uswayford I do not believe that this proposed development will have a significant effect upon the landscape character or views of this part of the National Park.
- The applicant has indicated within the application form that that this proposed development does not require any new external lighting thus the dark skies status of the National Park should not be threatened by an increase in light pollution as a result of this application.
- The applicant has indicated within the application form and a site visit has confirmed that the proposed development will not affect any notable trees or hedges. Given the nature of the work identified within the application I do not believe that a tree survey and tree protection measures are required in this case.

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

regards

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From: DC Consultation
Sent: 29 September 2014 15:46
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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=14NP0086>
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