From: Robert Mayhew Sent: 06 October 2014 09:37

To: DC Consultation

Subject: RE: Planning Application Consultation 14NP0087 Allerdene Farm, Thropton,

Morpeth, Northumberland, NE65 7NG

Michael,

14NP0087 - Installation of 16 photovoltaic ground mounted panels to generate electricity at Allerdene Farm, Thropton, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE65 7NG

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 the Hepple to Tosson minor county road that passes approximately 100 metres to the north of this proposed development site. The site is largely hidden from view as it is largely screened by an existing woodland shelterbelt and the buildings located at Allerdene. From the details provided within this application 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. Whilst the PV unit is set in the corner of a field, the connecting underground cable runs along the line of an existing access track to the property. 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. However, due care and attention should be taken if any significant roots are encountered when digging the trench for the connecting cable.

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

regards

----Original Message-----From: DC Consultation

Sent: 29 September 2014 15:49

To: 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=14NP0087 DC Consultation, Development Control Consultation Tel: (x)

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