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Date : 10 December 2014
Our Ref : 14NP0097
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Dear Mr Brown,

Application for determination whether prior approval of details is needed for forestry development under Part 7 of The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development Order) 1995

Forestry Determination in respect of proposed brash mat roads approx 1150 metres in length to facilitate timber extraction at Hesleyside Hall, Bellingham, Hexham, Northumberland, NE48 2LA

I refer to the above determination which is currently under consideration by this Authority under Application Reference Number 14NP0097. The Local Planning Authority hereby determines that **PRIOR APPROVAL IS REQUIRED** for the siting and means of construction of the proposed tracks because of the potential impacts of the development on the Hesleyside Park SSSI. The information submitted to date does not provide sufficient clarification that there will not be any unacceptable adverse impacts upon the SSSI, specifically impacts upon broadleaved tree roots (and therefore the trees themselves) and potential siltation of the burn. Therefore permission is required for the works you intend to undertake.

You have already submitted relevant forms, plans and drawings required in support of the application for approval, however, additional information would be required to demonstrate how the siting and means of construction of the track have been designed and will be carried out in a manner that will not have any adverse impacts upon the SSSI, specifically the issues relating to tree roots and the siltation of the burn.

Following the submission of the additional information, a Site Notice will be posted in a public place close to the site of the proposed development. Where relevant the Parish Council and neighbours will be consulted for their views on your application and where appropriate, other groups and organisations will also be consulted, including Natural England and the Environment Agency.





Once the additional information is received, the Authority endeavours to determine all applications within eight weeks. However, if by the statutory expiry date you have not

- been told that your application is invalid, or
- been given a decision in writing, or
- agreed in writing to extend the period in which the decision may be given,

then you can elect to have your application determined instead by the Secretary of State. To do so, you must appeal within six months of the above date using a form which you can get from the Planning Inspectorate, Registry/Scanning Team, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN, or you can make an appeal online through the Appeals area of the Planning Portal – see www.planningportal.gov.uk/pes. I hope that you will not find this necessary, but I shall be pleased to advise you further on this procedure if required.

Yours faithfully,

T Gates
National Park Officer