

From: Gill Thompson **Sent:** 16 July 2015 10:22 **To:** Rebecca Adams **Subject:** 15NP0052
Replacement of vented causeway bridge with a single span Yoke Burn, Alwinton

Dear Rebecca, I have now had a chance to look over the details of this prior approval and have spoken to Bob Cussen from Natural England since it is within the River Coquet SSSI. It is a structure that Natural England and the Environment Agency have wanted to be removed for some time. Natural England have already given their comments regarding this and due to the nature of the structure to be removed and the location of the new bridge supports they are happy for the work to go ahead. Since the works involve some in-river works in a non-main river, consent had to be gained from the County Council and Natural England were consulted on this. Therefore if the works are carried out as per the method statement I have no further comments and believe there will be a net benefit for the ecology of the river.

Yours sincerely, Gill
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