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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Neighbouring Authority Consultation - Installation of 9 no. shepherds hut lodges including associated car park and services on land east of Ingram Information Centre, Ingram, Northumberland**

Northumberland National Park Authority has considered the above proposal, and has the following observations to make:

**No objections, subject to the recommendations made below:-**

1. A Condition relating to external lighting along the lines of the Condition wording provided below should be included with any planning approval:-

*Prior to the fixing of any external lighting [within the site/on the building], details of the external lighting shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Details should include:*

- *The specific location of all external lighting units;*
- *Design of all lighting units;*
- *Details of beam orientation and lux levels; and*
- *Any proposed measures such as motion sensors and timers that will be used on lighting units*

*The approved lighting scheme shall be installed in accordance with the approved details and shall be maintained as such thereafter, unless removed entirely.*

*Reason: In order to ensure that there is no harmful effect upon the tranquility and intrinsically dark character of the area, including the Northumberland Dark Sky Park through excessive light pollution, in accordance with paragraph 125 of the NPPF.*



2. Electrical and external lighting connections should be made underground, rather than via overhead cables, in order to reduce impact upon the surrounding landscape.
3. Northumberland County Council should ensure that Natural England and relevant County Council Ecologists are consulted on this application, in order to undertake a full assessment of the impact of the development upon the River Tweed Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and River Tweed Catchment Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).
4. Consideration should be given to the inclusion of additional planting along the northern boundaries of the application site and car parking area, in order to better screen the proposed development from nearby publically accessible receptor sites, thus reducing the visual impact of the development upon the surrounding landscape.
5. Careful consideration should be given to the colour of the proposed huts; dark green or earthy/natural colours are advocated, in order that the huts do not stand out within the surrounding landscape.

Yours faithfully,

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