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To: <u>Laura Garth</u>; <u>Rebecca Adams</u>

Subject: FW: Planning Application Consultation 16NP0035 Threestone Burn Forest

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-----Original Message-----From: Gill Thompson Sent: 19 April 2016 15:44 To: DC Consultation Cc: Robert Mayhew

Subject: RE: Planning Application Consultation 16NP0035 Threestone Burn Forest

Dear Rebecca

Thank you for consulting me on this application. The application form states that it is within The Cheviot SSSI, but in fact Threestoneburn forest is excluded from the SSSI boundary. I do not think that this proposed road extension would impact on the features of interest of the Cheviot SSSI as it is associated with the removal of the conifer forest and is wholly inside the forest. Rob has shown me some pictures of the application site he took while on a site visit and there is approximately 30-60cm of peat present along the proposed route. Other routes of abstraction for this specific block were discussed, which seem to involve further ground disruption and extraction via a steeper route to an existing track to the north. This extension would therefore seem the better option since the timber needs to be extracted.

The new extension does cross a watercourse and there is no discussion of the method of the crossing. If it is to be a culvert the installation could cause some siltation of the burn downstream and I would expect at least sedimats to be used as good practice. Can we get some clarification on this issue and their proposed methodology please?

If you receive any further information please get back in touch. Yours sincerely,

Gill Thompson

-----Original Message-----From: DC Consultation Sent: 13 April 2016 17:40 To: Gill Thompson

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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-pplisplay.aspx?AppNo=16NP0035

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