

Northumberland National Park

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Date: 14 December 2016 Our Ref: 16NP0117CO Your Ref: 16/04231/FUL Contact: Rebecca Adams Direct Line: 01434 611552

Dear Sir/Madam,

Neighbouring Authority Consultation - Change of use of land and development of 11 holiday lodges on land south of Rothbury Golf Club, Whitton, Northumberland,

I write to you in response to the planning consultation listed above.

Northumberland National Park Authority has considered the proposals in terms of the effects on Northumberland National Park and its special qualities and has the following observations to make:

No objections, subject to the condition relating to external lighting recommended below.

The condition below is requested in order to allow for management of any external lighting that is required as part of this development, to ensure that any external lighting is appropriate, and to ensure that the dark skies and tranquillity of Northumberland National Park and Northumberland Dark Sky Park are protected.

- 1. Prior to the fixing of any external lighting [within the site/on the buildings hereby permitted], 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.

I have included a copy of the Authority's Outdoor Lighting Guidance in order to assist you in this regard.

We would be happy to advise on the information submitted as part of this external lighting condition in due course.

Yours faithfully,

T. Gates National Park Officer

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