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Our Ref : 17NP0046CO  
Your Ref : 17/01294/OUT  
Contact : Chris Stanworth  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Neighbouring Authority Consultation (17/01294/OUT) - Construction of rural workers dwelling at Border Forest Caravan Park, Otterburn, Rochester, Newcastle Upon Tyne, Northumberland, NE19 1TF**

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

Northumberland National Park Authority has considered the proposals and raises **no objection, subject to the inclusion of a planning condition.**

The site of the proposed dwelling is located very close to the National Park boundary and within the Northumberland Dark Sky Park.

External lighting associated with a development of this scale, in this location, has the potential to have a detrimental effect on dark skies and the tranquillity of Northumberland National Park, one of its special qualities, and could also have a detrimental effect upon the Northumberland Dark Sky Park.

It is not considered that the development would otherwise harm Northumberland National Park or its special qualities.

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.

*Prior to the fixing of any additional external lighting within the site, details of the external lighting shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.*

*Details should include:*

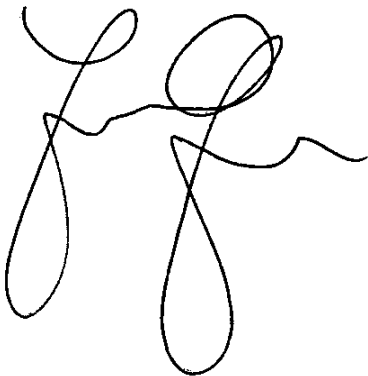
- *The specific location of all external lighting units;*
- *The design of all external lighting units;*
- *Details of beam orientation and lux levels; and*
- *Any proposed measures such as motion sensors and timers that will be used on external lighting units.*

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

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

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

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'T. Gates', with a stylized, cursive style.

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