



Northumberland County Council

MEMO

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Our Ref: SRU140213

Planning Ref: 20NP0035

Subject: Demolition of existing hay shed and erection of new general-purpose agricultural building.

Location: Land north west of Hethpool Cottages, Kirknewton, Wooler, Northumberland, NE71 6TW

I refer to your consultation, dated 20th July 2020 and attachments:

- Location Plan, dated May 2020, drawing number 5251/20/B produced by Savills.
- Proposed site plan, dated August 2020, drawing number 5252/A1/22/C, produced by Savills.
- Heritage, design and access statement, dated May 2020, produced by Savills.
- Proposed building, drawing number 5251/23, dated May 2020, produced by Savills.

I would apologise sincerely for the delay in responding to this consultation.

Opinion

Public Health Protection object to this proposal on the grounds of:

- Insufficient information in relation to the potential for loss of amenity due to noise from the proposed agricultural building and associated farming activities.
- Insufficient information regarding the potential for loss of amenity due to odour from the proposed building which will be used to over-winter stock.

Comments

Noise

The proposed agricultural building, which will be used for animal housing during the winter months, storage for machinery and a working area with power, is less than 50 metres from Hethpool Cottages. There is the potential for the development to have an adverse impact on residential amenity due to increased noise levels from animals and vehicles movements, etc.

I note that the principal elevation of the proposed building is orientated so that

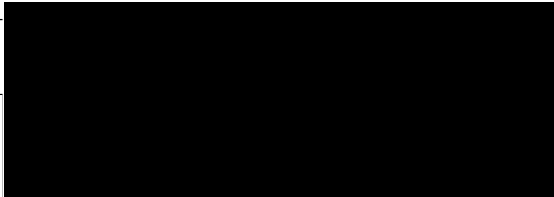
it faces away from the cottages and that the building will be, for the larger part, screened from the cottages by the mature conifer wood between. However, the impact of noise must be satisfactorily addressed.

The Northumberland National Park Planning Validation Checklist states in section LOC20 that a noise assessment is required for “all applications likely to have an impact on noise and/ or vibration sensitive locations.

A background noise assessment should be submitted which outlines the potential sources of noise generation, and how these may have a negative effect on local amenity. The assessment should also outline how the developer intends to overcome these issues through mitigation measures.

Odour

Section LOC37 of the Northumberland National Park Planning Validation checklist requires an odour assessment to be carried out for all applications where there is a reasonable likelihood of an increase or material change in odours arising as a direct result of the proposed development, particularly where this may impact upon amenity e.g. agricultural development involving buildings for livestock. the applicant is required to submit an assessment of the potential effects of the proposal resulting from odours, completed by a competent professional in this area.

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