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Date: 21 July 2020 12:11:52

Dear Colin,

I have had a look at the details for this application and the ecological report that accompanies it.

As mentioned previously the insertion of the roof lights and replacement of the windows did not require a bat survey. In the case of the demolition of the outhouse I came to the conclusion that it would not be proportionate to ask for an ecological survey for that part of the application but they have provided one. This does come to the conclusion that it is not used by bats or suitable, but there is a swallow nest in there. I do think that it would be worth adding a condition that the building is not demolished or vegetation removed in the nesting period (mid April-August). There was a query in the ecological report as to whether the sycamore tree was to be removed, but I note elsewhere they state it will remain.

Regarding the change of use from agricultural use to garden I have the following comments. The type of garden they are proposing – trees, fruit trees and meadow seem acceptable, but it should remain in this type of use. If it becomes a domestic garden, concrete, paving or decking may not be good for run-off and would lose what is now a green field site. It would be preferable to remove future permitted development rights to prevent such changes in a condition. I note some objections to the trees suggested in the application. If the applicant would like to discuss other alternatives or suitable tree species or a native hedge as a wind break to the vegetable garden I would be happy to contribute, although hawthorn, blackthorn, dog rose, hazel and holly are all good choices, preferably in a mixture.

I therefore have no objections to the application if the two conditions mentioned above are added.

If you wish to discuss further please get in touch,
Yours sincerely,
Gill Thompson

From: DC Consultation
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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-register.co.uk/plaPlanningAppDisplay.aspx?AppNo=20NP0037>

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