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Subject: RE: Planning Application Consultation 21NP0035 Kidlandlee, Harbottle, Northumberland, NE65 7DA
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Dear Colin,

Thank you for consulting me on this application. I have read the documents accompanying the application and have the following comments:

Protected sites. The proposed site is approximately 750m from the River Coquet and Coquet Valley woodlands SSSI and within risk zone 4. I note that Natural England will be consulted so we should take into account their response, but in my opinion I don't think that this development would negatively affect the SSSI. This is due to the size of the development, the previous land use of conifer plantation and subsequent planting, distance and provision of new package treatment system for the sewerage and grey water. There is an existing borehole and the amount of water abstracted is likely to be negligible for the SSSI considering the catchment size.

Protected and priority species. If the groundwork or construction is to be carried out between Apr- end Aug a checking survey must be carried out for breeding birds, particularly nightjar since there is potential for ground nesting birds to be present on the site. If they are found to be present work must not commence until the end of the breeding season. The construction of the lodges is unlikely to impact on populations of species in the long-term given the size of the site and that the site will become broadleaved woodland over time as it is already planted; the 4 lodges will be within this woodland. The surrounding areas have planted conifer, recently felled woodland and open grassland which will provide habitat in the future.

There is potential for reptiles, amphibians and some mammals to be affected by the construction of the lodges. To prevent disturbance and injury or death a precautionary method statement should be provided and followed as described in section E of the ecological report.

Priority habitats. The site is currently recently planted broadleaved woodland which was established after felling an area of conifer woodland. Some of these small trees will have to be removed to accommodate the lodges. It is suggested they are re-planted around the edges of the site, which is acceptable but moving the trees may not be successful. I suggest that an extra 50 % of the number moved are planted to ensure that the same number survive.

Biodiversity net gain. To ensure net gain on the site I suggest that at least one bat and bird feature are built into each of the lodges. Other berry-bearing trees and shrubs could also be planted around the site. As suggested in the report refugia could be created for reptiles and amphibians. These should be made a condition if permission is granted.

I therefore have no objections if the conditions above are applied.

Yours sincerely,
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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=21NP0035>

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