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**Attachments:** [Pic3 - Kidlandlee aerial prior to 2017 felling enlarged.jpg](#)

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**From:** Robert Mayhew [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 11 August 2021 19:28  
**To:** Colin Godfrey [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Kidlandlee 21NP0035

Colin,

Many thanks for raising my concerns about the proposed external colour of the holiday lodges with the applicant and for copying me into their response.

Whilst I note their argument, I believe it is somewhat misleading to use the external colour of the Common Oak bark as a reference in this case, as the oak trees that surround the proposed lodge site have just been planted and would take 100 years plus to reach a size on this site where the colour of the bark could be used as a true reference point. I might have been more persuaded if they had suggested the light green foliage but none of us want green cabins!

The reality of the situation is that once built, and before the surrounding oak form any sort of a canopy, the colour of the ground vegetation is likely to be that of the "white grass" that is found extensively across the Cheviots, where the hills have not been afforested. In my precious response, this is demonstrated in the aerial image post harvesting (pic 3) where between the brash matts the white grass is evident. My previous comments relating to a darker wood colour reference the darker colours associated with the surrounding productive conifer crops that in many situations would form the backdrop to the lodges.

Colin, in my mind, this is not a deal breaker and if we accept that the sun bleached larch for the first 25 – 30 years or so will fit in with the "white grass" vegetation immediately surrounding the lodges then I can live with that. Essentially, I can think of plenty of worse locations where we have had to consider similar developments and timber lodges in a woodland setting works for me.

I hope this helps and I can confirm that I am prepared to remove the suggested condition in my previous response relating to a need to stain/treat the exterior timber of the lodges.

Kind regards,

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