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Subject: FW: Planning Application Consultation 19NP0071 Brownknowne Field, Greenhaugh, Northumberland, NE48 1PS
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From: Robert Mayhew
Sent: 11 September 2019 15:50
To: DC Consultation
Cc: Jay Smith
Subject: RE: Planning Application Consultation 19NP0071 Brownknowne Field, Greenhaugh, Northumberland, NE48 1PS

Application Reference Number : 19NP0071

Proposed Development : Approval of details reserved by conditions no 4 (construction environmental management plan), 5 (construction method statement), 6 (tree planting scheme), 7 (track seeding scheme) and 10 (lighting) of planning permission 18NP0006 - Installation of a 25m high lattice mast accommodating 3no. antennas and 2no. 600mm transmission dishes and associated ground based equipment. Installation of 3m wide 100m long track from existing gated access to site and creation of 50m wide area of planting to three sides of compound at Brownknowne Field, Greenhaugh, Northumberland, NE48 1PS.

Dear Jay,

Thank you for consulting me on the above application. I would like to make the following observations with respect to the landscape and Dark Skies Park implications for the National Park, of the proposals as set out in the applicant's documentation that seeks to address the requirements of Condition 6, 7 and 10.

With respect to the proposals set out in the 'Detailed Planting Plan' I can confirm that the species choice and percentage mix are appropriate with respect to the purpose of this planting. By planting the trees in eight clumps of varying sizes, the proposed planting plan also enables opportunity for the current degraded wet heath and acid grassland to persist, all be it to a lesser extent, along with the associated ecological internists. One observation that I would make is that the planting plan suggests that the woodland species are to be planted in single species groups of no more than 10 whips per group. I would advocate that group planting is avoided or at least groups should not consist of more than 3 units adjacent to each other. Random species planting rather than group planting would be preferable. I welcome the details relating to the mulching and tree protection measures to be adopted.

I note that a maintenance plan is identified for the first five years but I would like clarity on what measures can be adopted to ensure that this new woodland is appropriately managed during the lifetime of the telecoms mast?

With regards to the track construction plan, I have no significant objections with the

proposals. My observation would be that the seed mix has a high percentage (87%) of rye grass within it and, whilst this will knit the surface of the track together, will withstand a degree of compaction as vehicles drive over it etc, it is likely to look somewhat green compared to the adjacent vegetation. I can live with that and if anything, seed from adjacent vegetation is likely to spread onto the track and the appearance is likely to improve given time.

Finally, I note that the applicant identifies that there will be no external lighting installed on this site so the Dark Skies Park status of the Park will not be compromised.

If you have any further questions with respect to the information above, please do not hesitate to get back in touch.

Kind Regards

Robert Mayhew

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From: DC Consultation

Sent: 08 August 2019 13:40

To: Robert Mayhew

Subject: Planning Application Consultation 19NP0071 Brownknowne Field, Greenhaugh, Northumberland, NE48 1PS

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=19NP0071>

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