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**To:** [Colin Godfrey](#); [Laura Garth](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Planning Application Consultation 19NP0093 The Former Cricket Ground, Harbottle, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE65 7DQ  
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From: Gill Thompson  
Sent: 20 November 2019 13:02  
To: DC Consultation  
Subject: FW: Planning Application Consultation 19NP0093 The Former Cricket Ground, Harbottle, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE65 7DQ

Dear Colin,

I have now looked at the information regarding this proposal and have the following comments:

I am disappointed that some trees are to be removed as part of this application. I have spoken to our tree and landscape officer who has been out on site, have seen his comments regarding the significance of these trees and following this do not want to object on these grounds. I do however think a landscaping scheme should be provided as there is a loss on site. A native hedge with tree standards (away from the immediate surrounds of the house) along the boundary would be suitable and perhaps some other native trees on the property to ensure there is no overall loss of biodiversity in the long-term. Ground protection mechanisms and protective fencing should be used to protect the remaining trees on the neighbouring property as the root protection zone will extend onto the applicant's land.

The ecological report concludes that the trees to be removed have low potential as bat roosts, but there is some potential e.g. a cavity and hollow base. Since the trees will be removed I suggest that some bat provision is put on site to compensate for this loss and to ensure that there is no loss of roosting potential on site. The landscape around the proposed site has high potential for bats to be present. Inclusion of bat slates or similar provision in the new property is suggested since any new trees will not be suitable as roosts for many years. Long life bat boxes (woodcrete type) would also be appropriate, but I am not sure whether there would be anywhere to install them prior to the trees being removed as I think all the larger trees in the applicant's ownership are coming out. If not this would be acceptable.

The other mitigation in the report such as working methodology for newts and sparrow box should also be made a condition. If the above are taken into account and a satisfactory landscaping scheme is provided I do not object to the application.

Yours sincerely,  
Gill Thompson

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From: DC Consultation  
Sent: 01 October 2019 13:06  
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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=19NP0093>

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