



DELEGATED DECISION REPORT

Application Reference Number	19NP0108
Description / Site Address	Approval of details reserved by condition no. 8 (archaeological) of planning permission 18NP0028 - Demolition of the existing Water Treatment Works and erection of replacement and associated development at Byrness Water Treatment Works Byrness Northumberland
Expiry date of consultations	3 December 2019
Last date for decision	14 January 2020

Details of Proposal

This application provides information required by condition 8 of planning approval 18NP0028 under which planning permission was granted for the demolition of the existing Water Treatment Works and erection of replacement and associated development at Byrness Water Treatment Works, Byrness, Northumberland, NE19 1TS

Details have been submitted in order to discharge the following condition of the permission:

- Condition 8 (Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation)

No publicity has been undertaken as the application is for the discharge of a condition.

Planning Policy & Guidance

National Policies

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (2019)

National Planning Practice Guidance

Local Policies

Northumberland National Park Authority Core Strategy and Development Policies Document (Core Strategy) (2009)

Policy 18 *Cultural Heritage*

Relevant Planning History

19NP0084 Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission 18NP0028 - Demolition of the existing Water Treatment Works and erection of replacement and



associated development. *Planning permission conditionally granted 21st October 2019;*

19NP0081 Approval of details reserved by conditions nos. 4 (lighting) and 7 (planting scheme) of planning permission 18NP0028 - Demolition of the existing Water Treatment Works and erection of replacement and associated development. *Approved 17th October 2019.*

18NP0028 Demolition of the existing Water Treatment Works and erection of replacement and associated development. *Planning permission conditionally granted 11th December 2018;*

Consultation/Representations

NNPA Historic Environment Officer: Happy to approve the Written Scheme of Investigation. The contractor should however be consistent in the references to the National Park as there are instances where references are made to Northumberland Council, Assistant County Archaeologist and Northumberland Parks Archaeologist. These should refer to Northumberland National Park Authority and the NNPA Historic Environment Officer.

Assessment

The principle of the development has already been established as acceptable under application 18NP0028. The subject for assessment here is therefore the acceptability of the proposed archaeological written scheme of investigation (WSI), as required by condition 8 of planning approval 18NP0028.

The full text of condition 8 reads as follows:

Prior to commencement of the development hereby permitted an archaeological written scheme of investigation shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall be undertaken in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: *In order to ensure that there is no unacceptable risk to potential or unknown archaeology on the site and to safeguard the cultural heritage of the National Park, by providing an adequate opportunity to investigate archaeological remains on the site before development is carried out, in accordance accord with Core Strategy policy 18 and Chapter 16 of the NPPF.*

In order to discharge the condition, the applicant has provided an archaeological WSI which provides details of an archaeological desk based assessment and a Method Statement for proposed geophysical survey; report preparation; trial trench evaluation; post excavation assessment and reporting and archiving. The NNPA Historic Environment Officer has been consulted on the proposed scope of the works and confirmed that he considers the WSI to be appropriate. While the Officer has noted that there are inconsistencies in the report when referring to the National Park, this does not prevent discharge of the condition. The proposals are therefore



considered to accord with Core Strategy policy 18 and the NNPF and condition 8 can be discharged.

Recommendation

The details submitted in respect of condition 8 of 18NP0028 are **approved**, subject to implementation of the scheme in accordance with the documents and specifications listed below:

- Application form received 19th November 2019;
- Archaeological Services Durham University, Byrness Water Treatment Works, Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation DS19.587 on behalf of Northumbrian Water, received 19th November 2019.

Background Papers

Application File(s): 19NP0108 & 18NP0028

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