



ADDENDUM REPORT

Application Reference Number	20NP0003CO
Description / Site Address	Neighbouring Authority Consultation - Discharge of condition 3 relating to approved planning application 18/00846/FUL at Arena, Soppit Farm, Otterburn, Northumberland, NE19 1AF
Expiry date of publicity / consultations	29 January 2020
Last date for decision	5 February 2020

Details of Proposal

This report follows on as an addendum to the Delegated report for application 19NP0039CO. 19NP0039CO relates to a planning application submitted to Northumberland County Council for the discharge of Condition 3 of application 18/00846/FUL at Soppit Farm, Otterburn, Northumberland.

Northumberland National Park Authority were consulted on the proposal as the neighbouring Local Planning Authority. NNPA made comments to Northumberland Council County as part of 19NP0039CO and subsequently, the applicant has submitted amended plans. Please see delegated report 19NP0039CO for further details.



Fig 1: Site location

NNPA's original response to the LPA stated that; *the total lumen output (348,000 lumens) is excessive within a rural landscape. The scheme is understood to be in operation and as*



a result of both the brightness and angle of the lighting, light glare has been allowed to escape beyond the boundary of the site.

NNPA therefore recommended the LPA:

- discuss with the applicant changes to the scheme to ensure floodlights are mounted level and not at a 30 or 45 degree angle
- that the lumen output be reduced to no more than required to safely light the arena.
- that the LPA should ensure that the 8pm lighting curfew is strictly adhered to

The submission includes a revised plan, annotated, stating “*Note: The angle of all lights to be horizontal*”, satisfying the NNPA recommendation for floodlighting to be mounted level.

No changes however have been made to the lumen output of the lights which are still marked as being the same TamLite (EXPFLA2400NW) model in the previous submission.

Recommendation.

It is welcomed that the applicant has amended the scheme, altering the floodlighting to be set level, thus reducing the overall glare visible from outside the boundary of the scheme.

The NNPA does however still consider that the total lumen output (348,000 lumens) to be excessive within a rural landscape. It is the understanding of the NNPA that the lighting scheme is currently in operation and as a result of the brightness of the lighting, light glare has been allowed to escape beyond the boundary of the site, being particularly visible from viewpoints at a lower elevation than the site and also across the valley, affecting the ‘intrinsic darkness’ of the area. This is in the context where the information submitted in support of the original application suggests little light spill would occur beyond the arena boundaries.

The NNPA would therefore encourage the LPA to discuss with the applicant changes to the proposed scheme to ensure that the total lumen output level is reduced to no more than required to safely light the arena, ensuring minimal light spill beyond the arena boundary. The LPA should also ensure that the 8pm lighting curfew is strictly adhered to.

Prior to discharging condition 3, the LPA should satisfy itself that the proposed lighting scheme will have no adverse impact on the intrinsically dark landscape of the Northumberland International Dark Sky Park, in accordance with the requirements of paragraph 180 of the NPPF. The information submitted, in the view of the NNPA does not do this.



Background Papers

18NP0036CO, 19NP0039CO, 20NP0003CO

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