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Thank you for consulting me on this application. From a Farming Officer point of view I have no objections to this application, particularly as it will help the Estate deliver their Higher Tier Countryside Stewardship objectives.

I understand from the applicants representative that the shelter will be used for spring calving, for cows in difficulty rather than as routine. It is expected that supplementary feeding and the volume of muck produced will be minimal. However, the proposed cattle shelter is away from existing farm and yard infrastructure with the Whitefield Burn down slope on the western and eastern side of the shelter. With this in mind, any muck storage and disposal, feeding, and stock access needs to be considered in line with the [Farming Rules for Water](#) and good agricultural practice. Any changes in farm management that led to the increase in use of the shelter beyond occasional calving, particularly if the shelter was used for longer term housing of cattle, I would have concerns about creating future pollution issues. It is my understanding that the shelter does not require electricity and will use existing troughs to provide water when needed.

As the shelter will have no electricity supply so the applicant is not planning to install any lighting. If this changes, the proposed shelter is within the Northumberland Dark Skies Park and I would request any lighting on the shelter is in keeping with this. Guidance can be found here: [https://northumberlandtourism.org.uk/index.php?option=com\\_attachments&task=download&id=415](https://northumberlandtourism.org.uk/index.php?option=com_attachments&task=download&id=415).

Many thanks,

Emma

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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=20NP0106>

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