

## Dear Colin,

I have examined the revised proposals for this site and as with the previous application I do not object to the plans but have a few comments.

The ecological survey and assessment was carried out 3 years ago and usually we would expect surveys to be within 2 years of the application. I will however accept it on this occasion because of the nature of the site and habitats present, and the low likelihood of any further information being gathered if the survey was updated.

I note the connection to the mains sewer. Works to provide this connection and other works on site have the potential to pollute or increase silt into the burn and ultimately the Coquet SSSI if not carried out with precautionary working methods. I suggest that providing a construction method statement for approval is made a condition.

I can see reference to 2 bird boxes on the bunkhouse on one plan. I would prefer these to be built in structures and also bat features on each elevation (slates and or roost crevices) to be added to the building. These should be made a condition and shown on plans.

The plans to retain the existing hedges and trees is good and the addition of the new hedge on the southern boundary of the site. I also note reference to protection of the hedges and trees on the plans as described in the report. The boundary behind the bunkhouse on the east is however just shown as a red line on the plans. The southern hedge will therefore just be a short section into the field, I recommend that the hedge should also extend along the eastern boundary. Species should be native and I suggest hawthorn, blackthorn, hazel, holly and dog rose with some standard trees such as rowan, wild cherry and oak.

In addition to the above, the other recommendations in section 7 of the ecological report should be made a condition if approval is given including those pertaining to lighting, construction methodology, permeable hardstanding and tree protection. I note some reference to some of these elements are made on the plans already.

Yours sincerely, Gill Thompson

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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 <u>http://nnpa.planning-register.co.uk/plaPlanningAppDisplay.aspx?AppNo=21NP0045</u>

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