

Date: 22 November 2018
Our ref: 262744, 262740 and 262746
Your ref: NYM/2018/0662/NM, NYM/2018/0663/CVC and
NYM/2018/0682/HSC



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Dear Mr Rob Smith

Planning consultation: Application for non material amendment to planning approval NYM/2017/0505/MEIA to allow installation and operation of LNG plant. Application for verification check of conditions 4, 18, 34, 46, 47, 52, 57, 60, 64, 68, 70, 71, 76, 79, 91, 92, 93, 94 and 95 of planning approval NYM/2017/0505/MEIA. Hazardous Substances Consent application under the Planning (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2015 for proposed storage of liquefied natural gas
Location: Land at Woodsmith Mine (formerly Doves Nest Farm & Haxby Plantation), Sneatonthorpe (minehead); underneath 252 km² of the NYMNP (winning & working of minerals); a corridor extending underground from the edge of the NP boundary to Wilton Complex (mineral transport system); Ladycross Plantation near Egton, Lockwood Beck Farm near Moorsholm, Tocketts Lythe, near Guisborough (intermediate shaft sites); site within the eastern limits of the Wilton Complex, Teeside (tunnel portal) NYM/2014/0676/MEIA.

Thank you for your consultations on the above dated 19 October 2018.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Non Material Amendment Verification of Conditions

Natural England notes and welcomes the Phase 6a - Woodsmith Mine Emissions to Atmosphere - NYMNP91 report (ref 40-RHD-WS-70-EN-RP-0006 REV 0 dated 05 October 2018) and is satisfied that the proposal represents an improvement to the impact of the project from emissions on the North York Moors Special Area of Conservation (SAC), Special Protection Area (SPA) and Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

Natural England notes reference to the information provided as part of the discharge of conditions for phase 3 of the project in relation to the discharge of condition 57 concerning landscape in the covering letter, provided in support of this application. We are concerned this information may be getting out of date, considering changes since, but we are broadly satisfied that this proposed change will not cause significant impacts on the landscape character or special qualities of the North York Moors National Park. However we note and support the queries raised by the North York Moors National Park Authority regarding the lighting and screening of the proposed amendment.

Hazardous Substances Consent

Natural England has considered the information provided regarding the application for a Hazardous Substances Consent for the storage of natural gas. We would be concerned that any incident involving the storage of natural gas may impact on the nearby North York Moors SPA, SAC and SSSI. We have no specific concerns regarding the information provided however would like to be

consulted further if any problems with the consent are flagged up by other consultees.

We would be happy to comment further should the need arise but if in the meantime you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Please send any correspondence, marked for my attention, to quoting our reference 231157.

Yours sincerely

Merlin Ash
Yorkshire and Northern Lincolnshire Team
Natural England

Mr Rob Smith
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Our ref: RA/2018/139302/01-L01
Your ref: NYM/2018/0662/NM
Date: 09 November 2018

Dear Mr Smith

APPLICATION FOR NON MATERIAL AMENDMENT TO PLANNING APPROVAL NYM/2017/0505/MEIA TO ALLOW INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF LNG PLANT AT LAND AT WOODSMITH MINE (FORMERLY DOVES NEST FARM & HAXBY PLANTATION), SNEATONTHORPE (MINEHEAD); UNDERNEATH 252 KM2 OF THE NYMNPA (WINNING & WORKING OF MINERALS); A CORRIDOR EXTENDING UNDERGROUND FROM THE EDGE OF THE NP BOUNDARY TO WILTON COMPLEX (MINERAL TRANSPORT SYSTEM)

LADYCROSS PLANTATION NEAR EGTON, LOCKWOOD BECK FARM NEAR MOORSHOLM, TOCKETTS LYTHE, NEAR GUISBOROUGH (INTERMEDIATE SHAFT SITES); SITE WITHIN THE EASTERN LIMITS OF THE WILTON COMPLEX, TEESIDE (TUNNEL PORTAL)

Thank you for your consultation regarding the above non-material amendment application. We have reviewed the details submitted with the application and we have no objection to the proposal.

Permitting

This development may require an [Environmental Permit](#) under the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 from the Environment Agency, unless a waste exemption applies. The applicant is advised to check the following [web site](#) for further information or by telephoning

COMMAH

We have responded separately to the Hazardous Substance Consent application, however comments are repeated here.

In terms of The Control of Major Accident Hazards Regulations 2015 (COMAH), the intention is to store up to 48 tonnes of liquefied natural gas. This is less than the COMAH lower tier threshold at 50 tonnes and therefore this will not need to be covered under COMAH.

We trust the above advice is useful.

If I can be of any further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mr Fraser Tomlinson
Sustainable Places Planning Adviser



North Yorkshire Moors Association

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Email

Dear Rob,

Thank you for sending us information on the planning application NYM/2018/0662/NM submitted by Sirius Minerals for the installation and operation of an LNG plant at Woodsmith Mine.

As you are aware the North Yorkshire Moors Association has opposed this development from the start in January 2011. We objected to the planning application submitted in 2015 which was approved by the Planning Committee in June 2015. We still regard this as an inappropriate development in a National Park which should have the highest level of protection from such an intrusion. Nothing has happened to change our view and the incremental developments and changes to the original application have re-enforced our stated opinion at the time of the 2015 special meeting of the Planning Committee.

The planning reference above refers to the section 73 application which was granted permission in February 2017 and which in our view were rather more than minor material amendments consisting of more significant changes to the original planning application which was given permission in June 2015. These changes continue to be introduced with additional buildings and further changes to the layout of the site described in the details for phase 7 of the construction period.

This non material application for the change from diesel powered generators to LNG Gas Turbine generators also includes a provision for additional storage of LNG and more generators. Along with the additional buildings which are planned for phase 7 of the construction period, this adds to our view that the site is incrementally expanding in a way which exceeds the original permission.

If additional generating power is added then it is likely that there will be an increased need to tanker in more LNG. This will add up to more HGV traffic movement than the original scheme which permitted up to three deliveries per day for a peak on site demand of 20MW (YPP SEI Appendix 1)

This indicates from 85-94 2-way HGV movements between months 14 and 28. We note that the difference in energy density between LNG and Diesel fuel is 0.0378 (MJ/L) for LNG and 37.3 (MJ/L) for Diesel. This suggests that more deliveries will be required than suggested in the application.

The application drawings show the planned relocation of the generators in an area which must be close to the proposed Welfare building but this is not indicated. If, as it appears, the generator site is located in an area of woodland it seems likely that there will be a need for tree clearance to accommodate the generators and the LNG storage tanks. We would like to know how far away the tanks and generators are from the proposed Welfare building and whether the new generator site requires tree clearance.

Having made some concessions on the site by the retention of Whinny Wood it would be a reversal of this environmental concession if significant tree clearance is needed to accommodate the new generator site which also has additional space for future generating power.

Tom Chadwick

Chairman North Yorkshire Moors Association

From:
To: [Planning](#)
Subject: Sneaton Parish Council - Woodsmith Mine applications
Date: 09 November 2018 07:43:55

Dear Team

Re: NYM/2018/0662/NM and NYM/2018/0682/HSC - Woodsmith Mine

The parish council at its 7th November meeting resolved No Objections to both planning applications.

Regards

Victoria Pitts

Parish Clerk

Sneaton Parish Council

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the EE network.

From:
To: [Planning](#)
Subject: Woodsmith Mine NYM/2018/0662/NM & NYM/2018/0682/NM
Date: 07 November 2018 12:45:56

Dear Team

At its meeting on the 5th November the parish council RESOLVED No Objections to these two applications.

Kind regards

Victoria

Victoria Pitts
Clerk
Eskdaleside cum Ugglebarnby Parish Council
Davison Farm
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From:
To: [Planning; Planning Control](#)
Subject: RE: Land at Woodsmith Mine (formerly Doves Nest Farm & Haxby Plantation), Sneatonthorpe (minehead); underneath 252 km2 of the NYMNP (winning & working of minerals); a corridor extending underground from the edge of the NP boundary to Wilton Complex (mine
Date: 01 November 2018 15:53:39

Hi Rob,

Thanks for consulting NYCC on the application NYM/2018/0662/NM for non-material amendment to planning approval NYM/2017/0505/MEIA to allow installation and operation of LNG plant at Land at Woodsmith Mine.

Officers from across our relevant service areas have reviewed the application. I can confirm that no specific comments have been raised.

Regards,

Mark Rushworth
Senior Policy Officer

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29 October 2018

Dear Sir or Madam

Sirius Minerals PLC, Woodsmiths Mine, Sneaton, Whitby, YO22 5HZ

FIRE SAFETY - COMMUNICATION WITH THE PLANNING AUTHORITY

Receipt is acknowledged of your planning communication:

Dated: 22 October 2018
Plans No: NYM/2018/0662/NM

Your communication has been dealt with as follows:

At this stage in the planning approval process the fire authority have no objection/observation to the proposed development. The fire authority will make further comment in relation to the suitability of proposed fire safety measures at the time when the building control body submit a statutory Building Regulations consultation to the fire authority.

The majority of information we collect regarding business fire safety is non-personalised information, however any personal data we collect will be managed in accordance with our Privacy Notice which can be viewed on our website, www.northyorksfire.gov.uk/about-us/yourdata.

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Under the Regulatory Reform Order 2005 we are obliged to publish a public register of enforcement action which can be viewed via our website, www.northyorksfire.gov.uk/about-us/key-documents/links-registers.

Should you require further information please contact the officer whose name appears at the head of the letter.

Yours faithfully

G Casper MIFireE
Watch Manager Prevention & Protection (Eastern)

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Subject: Re: Land at Woodsmith Mine (formerly Doves Nest Farm & Haxby Plantation), Sneatonthorpe (minehead); underneath 252 km2 of the NYMNP (winning & working of minerals); a corridor extending underground from the edge of the NP boundary to Wilton Complex (mine
Date: 23 October 2018 15:07:49

Re: NYM/2018/0662/NM

We have our meeting on the 7 November, please can we ask for an extension to the 10 day response?

Regards

Victoria

*Sneaton Parish Council
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