

**From:** Elspeth Ingleby  
**Sent:** 10 January 2019 17:03  
**To:** Jill Bastow  
**Subject:** NYM/2018/0679/AGRP - Cumboots Dairy Farm - reconsult

Dear Jill,

I am happy with the relocation of the building as per revised plan.

Many thanks,

Elspeth

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**From:** Elspeth Ingleby  
**Sent:** 14 November 2018 11:32  
**To:** Jill Bastow  
**Subject:** RE: New application post - NYM/2018/0679/AGRP - Cumboots Dairy Farm - Ecology

Hi Jill,

Thanks for the pictures. I had a quick chat with Rebecca re the regs side of things on Monday. Essentially planning legislation overrides hedgerow regulations, so if we were to grant planning consent (ie through approval of the AGRP), then they would be able to remove the hedge without applying for a removal consent. If we do not approve the removal of the hedge as part of this AGRP notification, then hedgerow regulations would apply and mean that they couldn't just remove it and then reapply with the hedge not there.

Regarding the replaceability of the hedge, from your pictures, the hedge looks mature and long established with at least some variety of species (although it is hard to tell precisely from photographs at this time of year!). I couldn't say whether it would fall under the criteria that would mean that an application to remove the hedgerow would be approved. Looking at the aerial photographs the hedge has been established since at least 1947/8 (see pic here;



Our historic maps show that there has been a boundary here (although I cannot tell if it is certainly a hedge or not) as far back as 1852. Due to its long establishment, this hedge is likely to support greater value for wildlife than your standard newly planted hedge, and thus is not easily replicable with a stretch of new planting.

My very strong preference would be to identify an alternative site or position for the proposed barn which would allow the hedgerow to remain unaffected. If that is not possible then, if the applicant provides us with a map of their holding, I could advise where hedge creation/restoration (there are a number of gappy hedges around that

would benefit from gapping up) would be of most benefit but we would need to require a significantly longer stretch than is being removed in order to secure sufficient net biodiversity mitigation.

Hope that makes sense, let me know if it would be useful to discuss!

Thanks,

Elsbeth

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**From:** Jill Bastow  
**Sent:** 14 November 2018 10:55  
**To:** Elspeth Ingleby  
**Subject:** FW: New application post - NYM/2018/0679/AGRP - Cumboots Dairy Farm - Ecology

Hi Elspeth

Many thanks for your comments.

Before I go back to the agent/applicant can I just clarify a few points please? My knowledge of the hedgerow regs is not my best; can they remove the hedge without consent? Would your concerns be alleviated if the applicant was to propose replacement hedge panting elsewhere on the farm?

I've attached some photos of the hedge rom my very sunny site visit for you!

Thanks, Jill

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**From:** Planning  
**Sent:** 12 November 2018 13:58  
**To:** Jill Bastow  
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**Sent:** 12 November 2018 10:54  
**To:** Jill Bastow  
**Cc:** Planning  
**Subject:** NYM/2018/0679/AGRP - Cumboots Dairy Farm

Dear Jill,

Unfortunately I must object to the siting of the proposed hay barn. In the position as shown on the map, the barn will require the removal of around 15m of hedging, that appears from recent aerial photographs to be of reasonable condition. Hedgerows provide extremely important habitat for a wide range of species, and I believe it should be possible for an alternative site to be located that will not require the removal of this valuable asset.

Best wishes,

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**Date:** 12 November 2018 10:54:12

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