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From: Planning
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Subject: Comments on NYM/2016/0817/FL - Case Officer Mrs H Saunders - Received from Dr Peter Spencer at Fersfield Flying Group, 5 Kesdale Gardens, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP333SF

I would like to write in support of the above planning application. I am a private pilot and would like to visit the strip to use South Moor Farm B & B as a base for short breaks in the moors and to visit the nearby towns of Scarborough and Whitby.

This will cut hours off the journey from E Anglia which is notoriously short of fast road routes. I am no stranger to private airstrips: I am secretary of the Fersfield Flying Group who have leased land from a local farmer in East Anglia between Thetford and Diss next door to Knettihall Country Park and established an airstrip in the early 1970s which has been active ever since with no complaints from our neighbours. There is no impact on wildlife: a wood alongside our strip provides shelter for Roe and Muntjac Deer, the fields around are resplendent with rabbits, hares and all manner of game birds, not to mention the Swallows which return every year to nest in one of the three hangars at the airstrip. I have to say that the moles that visit from time to time and play havoc with our table smooth grass runway are less welcome. I understand the applicant has already been operating on a 28 day basis with no problems and I think the planning committees fears of great disruption should a permanent licence be granted are unfounded. Our airstrip and adjoining farmland is used by local residents for rambling, dog walking and horse riding and suitable warning signs are strategically placed to warn of aircraft. I think the applicant has shown great compassion towards his environment and has tirelessly altered and adapted his applications to minimise the perceived impact of his airstrip and wish him success in his laudable effort to allow visitors to pop in and visit this magnificent part of the country.

Yours sincerely

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