

## Wendy Strangeway

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**Subject:** Comments on NYM/2016/0817/FL - Case Officer Mrs H Saunders - Received from Mr Gerry Holland at 2 Railway Cottages, Single Hill, Shoscombe, Bath, BA2 8NA

Although I'm not local to this Application I would like to make comments regarding wildlife in the area of a landing Strip.

I have a 520M X 30M Air Strip 4 miles SW of Bath in Somerset. It's elevation is 520 feet asl. The Strip has been in operation 40 years and at the moment is used by 3 resident aircraft and as many as 200 visitors by air per year.

Set in arable farmland with rotational cropping, wheat this year I can give an insight into Animal, Bird and Flora.

Animal wise we see many Deer, Roe and Muntjac and have Badgers Set in hedgerow less than 50M from Hangar and start up point. Other animals spotted are shrews, hedge mice and occasional weasel. The cover of Birds is as follows: Raven, Crow, Rooks, Pigeons and Jackdaws. The field has large colony of Skylarks, Goldfinches, Robins and a Gold Crest resident in Hangar.

Other regular visitors are Stone Chats, occasional Red Kite and columns of Buzzards up to 12 at a time. The field area supports many plants and some trees in the hedgerow from Holly to Maple. We even have Bath Artichoke growing on field edge. Whole swarth of hedgerow plants from Campion to Cow Parsley. Winter brings Tawny and Barn Owl patrols.

In short the strip is short grass of up to 3 Hectares in area and almost all the time is peaceful. Even when used by aircraft the effect is minimal. The grass is cut but not too close. Mushrooms grow in August and September. So.... does the airstrip have an effect....YES. It improves the environment and provides tranquil location for everything in nature that Somerset supports. It's my contention that the proposed Airstrip will enhance greatly the habitat for all nature.

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