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**Subject:** Comments on NYM/2016/0817/FL - Case Officer Mrs H Saunders - Received from Ms Christina Belton at West View, Yarburgh, Louth, LN11 0PL

I support the above Planning Application.

I have not yet visited this area, simply because there is not an airfield available for landing.

I live on the Lincolnshire Coast, which means a long drive on a poor road network. Since I can get away for only short periods at a time it is convenient for me to fly, the more so since flying is a hobby I enjoy.

Over the past few years I have landed at small airfields/farm strips on the west side of the North York Moors, in Scotland, the Norfolk coast and on the west coast of Ireland in order to spend some time exploring the local area. These are all places which I could not otherwise have visited on account of the the time involved to get there.

I operate out of a small arifield in Lincolnshire. When it was first set up there were some concerns from local people, and the District Council, who were unsure what to expect. We were able to reassure them that this was "Hedgerow" rather than "Heathrow", and that constraints on runway length and position ensured that the facility could never become big enough to cause them a problem. And so it has turned out, so that when we applied to build an additional hangar no-one objected. In fact the village has benefitted from this facility to hold functions, the local people have always been involved in our airfield functions and fly-ins, and the flying activities are always a popular tourist attraction.

We have not been able to offer B and B accommodation at our airfield, I only wish we could, for there would be no shortage of guests. I see this as a big advantage at the proposed site, i.e. an airfield setting would actively attract holidaymakers.

In a location such as Dalby Forest, where so much has been put in place to attract tourists, I cannot see that a facility such as this, where any noise would be intermittent, short-lived and infrequent would be anywhere near as harmful to the animal and birdlife and to the peace and quiet of the forest than the other activities I see advertised, such as noisy playgrounds, mountain biking (and hi-adrenalin variants thereof) and even open-air concerts! I also note that one activity advertised involves people "Going Ape" in the trees - if this not disturb the birdlife, I don't know what would!

I would also point out that one person mowing his lawn creates a similar amount of noise as an aeroplane, but for hours on end rather than about 2 minutes for a take-off (landings are usually barely audible).

Any risk of harm to birds would likewise be minimal, especially when the few minutes at a time involved are compared to the almost constantly turning arrays of wind turbines constructed in similar "wild places" with no regard whatsoever to the effect on birdlife. In my experience birds hear the aircraft coming, whilst the wind turbines catch them unawares because they make no noise. Moreover aircraft on approach are probably less of a threat than aircraft in general circulation overhead - many of the birds I encounter are at over 1,000 ft., and many of the buzzards seen have been at 2,000 feet.

I urge you not to to concerned about what is a perfectly harmless application, which has its own constraints of size and position, preventing it getting big enough to cause any problems. It will, moreover, make a positive contribution to the Forest's tourist trade.

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