

North York Moors National Park Authority

District/Borough: Lockwood & Skinningrove Ward
Parish: Irton

Application No. NYM/2017/0255/NM

Proposal: non material amendment to NYM/2014/0676/MEIA to allow new temporary access track

Location: Woodsmith Mine (Formally Dove's Nest Farm & Haxby Plantation)
Sneatonthorpe

Decision Date: 03 May 2017

Consultations

Parish – Expired 1st May - no views received.

Highways – No objections, recommend conditions or appropriate restrictions be imposed regarding associated temporary traffic management and a temporary time limit of 10 weeks or earlier if the internal link road is completed.

Director of Planning's Recommendation

Approval subject to the following condition(s):

1.	AP00	Notwithstanding the details of the approved plans to NYM/2014/0676/MEIA, this permission permits a change to allow the temporary use of the existing Doves Nest farm access for a period of upto 10 weeks for construction traffic provided that temporary traffic management measures are implemented (including temporary traffic lights and a 40mph speed limit) approved beforehand by the Local Highway Authority. After ten weeks or upon completion of the internal link road between the shaft platform and welfare access, whichever is the sooner, there shall be no further use of the existing doves nest farm access and all construction traffic shall utilise the welfare access. The development shall accord in all other respects with the approved plans and imposed conditions on planning permission NYM/2014/0676/MEIA and any subsequently approved condition verification permissions.
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Background

This substantive planning permission envisaged the construction of the mine to place using two new accesses to serve the mine shaft area and welfare block area in a one way system with the relatively narrow existing farm access not to be used at all during construction. The applicants have undertaken further work to streamline the construction programme and now propose to use the welfare entrance (with right turn facility) as a main construction access point and to use the shaft access (without right turn facility) for extra-large loads only and with an internal link road to link the welfare access to the shaft pad. Applications have already been approved for the link road and an application not to build the shaft right turn facility is currently being processed.

This application is for a non-material amendment to allow the existing doves nest farm access to be used for upto 10 weeks or until the internal link road is built, whichever, is the soonest, to allow construction to proceed and continue whilst the internal link road is built. Thereafter, for the existing farm access to be closed off.

Main Issues

Development Policy 23 of the NYM Core Strategy and Development Plan documents states that development proposals have appropriate access arrangements so as not to be detrimental to highway safety.


The amendment has come about following discussions between the construction team and Highway Authority to create suitable access arrangements without having to build the right turn at the welfare entrance and then remove it following construction being completed after 5 years.

Following liaison with Pam Johnson of the Local Highway Authority, Officers are satisfied that change is a relatively modest short term operational change that will reduce environmental impact in the vicinity of the shaft entrance without causing highway safety issues

The development is deemed to be in accordance with Development Policy 23 of the NYM Core Strategy and Development Plan documents. Approval is recommended.

Explanation of how the Authority has Worked Positively with the Applicant/Agent

The Authority's Officers have appraised the scheme against the Development Plan and other material considerations and confirm that the development is likely to maintain the economic, social and environmental conditions of the area.

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