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Dear Mark Hill

Planning consultation: Amended information for verification check of conds 4 18 34 46 47 49 52 57 59 60 64 68 70 73 76 79 91 92 93 94 95 of NYM/2014/0676/MEIA

Location: At Woodsmith Mine (Formally Dove's Nest Farm & Haxby Plantation), Sneatonthorpe Grid Reference 489495 505142

Thank you for your consultation dated 31 May 2017, which we received on the same date.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Natural England has commented this condition verification check in our letters dated 26 May 2017 (our ref 214808) and 06 June 2017 (our ref 217364) this letter represents our additional comments on the additional information provided with regards to five temporary standalone telecommunication columns at Woodsmith Mine in relation to condition 68.

We have considered the additional information and would like clarification with regards to a number of matters in order for us to advise on the potential for landscape and visual impacts on the North York Moors National Park:

- Confirmation of timescales. We note that the proposal is for temporary columns but are unclear how long it is intended that they will be erected for.
- Confirmation regarding design. Natural England notes the WEC Camera Mounting Solutions document but are unclear which column design is being proposed from the selection available. In addition we are unclear what the communications array will look like and consequently how visually intrusive it will be. We note that the covering letter states "The columns will be used to support telecommunications infrastructure (antennae etc.) CCTV cameras and other such support infrastructure required during site construction." but we are not clear how this will appear. We advise that a diagram illustrating what the communications array will look like is provided.
- Confirmation that there will be no additional lighting on the proposed columns.

We would be happy to comment further should the need arise but if in the meantime you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

For any queries relating to the specific advice in this letter please contact Merlin Ash at
For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to

We really value your feedback to help us improve the service we offer. We have attached a feedback form to this letter and welcome any comments you might have about our service.

Yours sincerely

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