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**To:** Planning  
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**From:** Megan Connolly  
**Sent:** 16 May 2017 10:30  
**To:** General  
**Subject:** FAO: Planning Department

**FAO: PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

Good Morning,

I am attaching a letter of support for planning application ref: NYM/2017/0261/FL.

A hard copy will be sent in the post today however I just wanted to send a copy via email just in case the hard copy didn't reach you before the deadline.

Kindest Regards

*Megan*

Megan Connolly  
PA & Shoot Coordinator

**MOUNT ST. JOHN**  
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North York Moors National Park Authority  
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15 May 2017

Dear Sirs

**Planning Application Ref: NYM/2017/0261/FL**

As a local business in the field of rural sport I am writing in support of the above application which reinforces our business and all the benefits it brings to local tourism, employment and economy.

Mount St John Sporting makes a significant contribution to the local economy in terms of jobs and income in many areas be it tourism, estate employment, retail, construction etc. and anything to support participation in this field supports all these things. Interest in the sport has increased over recent years and a site with improved facilities, which serves the more diverse audience that are now taking part, will make it more appealing and secure the future of the shoot ground and the positive contribution it makes.

Groups visiting Mount St John Sporting are often from far afield and contribute greatly to the rural tourism economy. A clay shooting ground with attractive and high standard facilities is another local offering that would be of interest to them, especially their accompanying friends and family, creating more of a pull to the area and generating more income for a variety of local businesses. There is also considerable local interest in the sport that would be encouraged and supported by these improvements, providing access to and employment in this rural sport all year round. The general development of skills in the sport supports the shooting industry in the Moors as a whole.

Although we accommodate people with disabilities on our shoot days, the terrain we work over can be seen by some as a limitation and safety risk so somewhere local with good facilities for disabled people would ensure they do not feel excluded from this sport. The building is well designed for this purpose but is also attractive and in keeping with its surroundings.

The facilities proposed include a training area which is of great importance in shooting. Stringent safety briefs are undertaken on our shoot days and offering this kind of training to people in their early days of interest in the sport would be extremely beneficial. This could also provide opportunities for other training e.g. gamekeepers.

The development I feel would represent a positive investment in a rural business and supports many surrounding locals and businesses. It would be good to see such a promising step towards supporting the diversification that our rural areas need to survive.

Yours faithfully

Trevor Bailey  
*Shoot Manager*



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