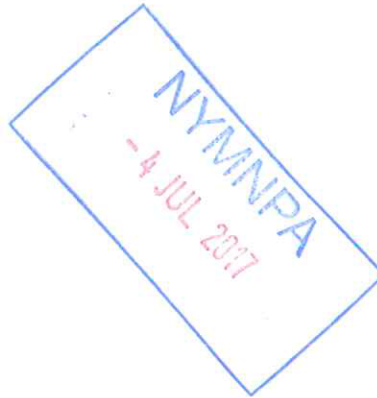


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Dear Mark Hill

Planning consultation: Application for non-material amendment to planning approval NYM/2014/0676/MEIA to allow replacement sub-surface grouting and cast concrete wall design with diaphragm walls to a depth of 60 metres to provide protection from groundwater ingress.

Location: Woodsmith Mine (Formally Dove's Nest Farm & Haxby Plantation), Sneatonthorpe, Grid Reference 489493 505104

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 08 June 2016 which was received by Natural England 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.

Insufficient information provided

There is insufficient information to enable Natural England to provide a substantive response to this consultation as required under the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015. Please provide the information listed below and re-consult Natural England. Please note that you are required to provide a further 21 day consultation period, once this information is received by Natural England, for us to respond.

European Designated Sites

Natural England does not consider that sufficient information has been provided with regards to the long term hydrological and hydrogeological effects of the proposal. We note that the Hydrological Risk Assessment is concerned with the combined effects of Phases 2, 3 and 4 of the project but modelling has only been provided for the duration of Phase 4. Therefore the assessment looks at the change in development proposals on short term impacts only, whereas the development itself is in place for much longer.

In addition, while the modelling includes the effect of all phases (noting the short period modelled), the water level & flow changes presented are only for the additional works carried out in phase 4, with the situation reached by the end of phase 3 taken as the base case. As a result the combined effects from all phases on the natural baseline are insufficiently addressed. The impacts from phase 4 need to be added to phase 3 and earlier phases in order to be able to assess overall impact on natural baseline.

Natural England has raised concerns regarding the assessment of longer term hydrological impacts in our responses regarding the verification check of conditions 46, 47, 60 and 79 (our letters dated

06 June 2017 and 19 June 2017; our refs 217364 and 217180 respectively) and we do not consider that we can provide further advice regarding this application for non-material amendment to planning approval NYM/2014/0676/MEIA until this omission has been addressed.

We are proactively seeking to meet with the applicant to resolve our concerns with regards to the modelling of long term hydrological and hydrogeological impacts from the proposal which we hope will help to resolve these concerns as quickly as possible.

On receipt of the information requested, we will aim to provide a full response within 21 days of receipt. Please be aware that if the information requested is not supplied, Natural England may need to consider objecting to the proposal on the basis of potential harm to the above designated site.

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

Yours sincerely

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