

Dawn Paton

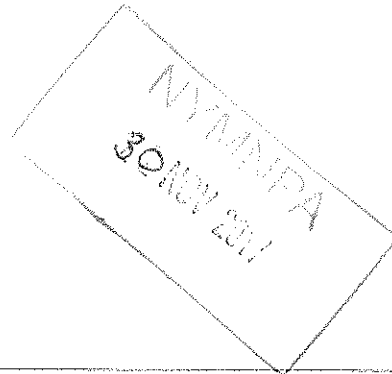
From: Rob Smith
Sent: 30 November 2017 16:46
To: Planning
Subject: FW: NYM/2017/0505/MEIA Woodsmith Mine S.73 application

Please log in, thanks

Rob Smith
Senior Minerals Planner

North York Moors National Park Authority
The Old Vicarage
Bondgate
Helmsley
York
YO62 5BP

Tel. no. 01439 772700
Web: www.northyorkmoors.org.uk



From: Rona Charles
Sent: 30 November 2017 16:17
To: Rob Smith
Subject: RE: NYM/2017/0505/MEIA Woodsmith Mine S.73 application

Hello Rob

Further to my message below, thanks for alerting me to the additional information. I note Natural England's letter of 13 November 2017 in which it seems as though their ecological concerns have now been resolved, subject of course to hydrological conditions. I also note the Environment Agency's letter of 22 November 2017 in which they state that further hydrological information will be required at the appropriate stage.

Regarding water pollution, I also note the Environment Agency's letter of 8 August 2017 that they "have no concerns from a flood risk or water quality perspective."

I am reassured that both organisations are satisfied that the potential impacts on water will be suitably monitored and mitigated if necessary. I understand that the water vole information was erroneous.

I have no further comments.

Rona Charles
Ecological Adviser

From: Rona Charles
Sent: 29 August 2017 17:17
To: Rob Smith
Subject: NYM/2017/0505/MEIA Woodsmith Mine S.73 application

Hello Rob

I have looked at what I hope are the most relevant documents in this application and also the responses from Natural England and the Environment Agency.

Generally, I recognise that the changes should reduce some impacts, which is welcome. Nevertheless, I note NE's cautionary comments re hydrogeology and hydrology and am pleased that NE colleagues are able to put specialist effort into monitoring this. I am content to rely on their comments here.

The EA response only covers hydrogeology and effects on groundwater. Will there be a separate response on water pollution, since the layout of the settlement ponds has altered quite markedly? I note that this shouldn't change any outflow characteristics, but would welcome EA assurance that this is the case, since we need to protect water quality as well as quantity.

It seems that there are no new Protected Species reports and I have no further comments on them. However, I note NE's comment that that water voles may be using the site. I wonder if they could provide more details? Sirius may need to revise their conclusions and mitigation if this is confirmed.

Please let me know if you receive any information on my queries above.

Thanks,
Rona

Rona Charles
Ecological Adviser

Conservation Department
North York Moors National Park Authority
The Old Vicarage, Bondgate
Helmsley, York YO62 5BP
Tel: 01439 772700
r.charles@northyorkmoors.org.uk

Please note: My normal working days are Tuesday to Thursday

