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Ref. 18 NP0023
18 NP0024
18 NP0026

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Dear Sir,
I am writing as clerk to
the parish council to report that
they have no objections to the
above applications.

Yours sincerely,


Laura Garth

From: DC Consultation
Sent: 17 May 2018 12:38
To: Rebecca Adams; Laura Garth
Subject: FW: Planning Application Consultation 18NP0026 Barrowburn Farm, Harbottle, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE65 7BP

-----Original Message-----

From: Robert Mayhew
Sent: 16 May 2018 18:47
To: DC Consultation
Cc: Rebecca Adams
Subject: RE: Planning Application Consultation 18NP0026 Barrowburn Farm, Harbottle, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE65 7BP

Rebecca,

18NP0026 - Installation of a 20m high lattice mast on a concrete base accommodating 3no. antennas and 2no. 600mm transmission dishes and associated ground based equipment including equipment cabinets, 1no. generator and 1no. 1200mm satellite dish on a 2.6m high support pole. Installation of 30m stone access track at Barrowburn Farm, Harbottle, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE65 7BP

Thank you for consulting me on the above proposed development. I would like to make the following observations with respect to the landscape and Dark Sky Park implications for the National Park, of the proposals as set out in the applicant's documentation.

Located in the Cheviots National Landscape Character Area and Upland Burn Valleys Landscape Character Type, guidelines for development stipulate that the remoteness, tranquillity and dark night skies should be maintained and that man-made vertical structures which detract from the valley landform, create visual clutter or interrupt the unfettered rounded skylines which form the distinctive setting to these valleys should be avoided. These stipulations clearly apply to this proposed development for a 20m. high lattice communications mast that is proposed to sit 270 metres above sea level in the Coquet Valley.

I welcome the applicant setting out in this application, details relating to the process that they have undertaken in reaching this preferred location for the siting of the development. I note the various other sites that were considered and subsequently rejected as part of their pre-application investigatory work and would suggest that for each of the other locations, it is likely that the impact upon the landscape character and views of this part of the National Park would have been more substantial. I believe that early engagement with the National Park Authority at the pre-application stage has helped identify a location that can, whilst being mindful of the guidance for developers stated above, be considered for the siting of this proposed development.

The site that they have chosen at Barrowburn Farm will be set adjacent to an existing block of mixed/predominantly conifer woodland. As such, so long as the woodland is in situ, this will help both screen elements of the supporting lattice mast when viewed from sites to the north and west as well as act as a backdrop when viewed from other receptor sites to the east. From the elevation drawings provided it is suggested that the top 3 meters of the mast plus the attached communications infrastructure will be visible above the canopy of the woodland. This is likely to reduce in time as the trees continue to grow. Topography will also help screen the structure from distant receptor sites located to the south.

The principal publically accessible receptor sites for this development would include the valley road itself, Alwinton public bridleway 20 that passes 20 meters to the east of the development, visitors to the Barrowburn camping barn and users of the surrounding access land to the south and east of the site. It should be pointed out that due to its

location on the eastern edge of the Controlled Access Impact Area of the Otterburn Training Area, publicly accessible receptor sites for this development would be limited to an arc spanning from north-west through clockwise to sites lying due south. Public access is excluded from sites due south round to the north west on the grounds of health and safety due to the land being used as a live firing area for modern day field artillery weapons.

Due to its relative low setting within the valley, rather than being high up on a ridgeline, it is likely that the mast will be viewed against a landscape backdrop rather than set against the skyline when viewed from a large number of the principle receptor sites. This is preferable and in-keeping with the guidelines for development, with the principal exception being for users of Alwinton public bridleway 20 when passing in close proximity to the structure.

In relation to the other infrastructure that is proposed with the 20m. lattice mast, ie the compound fence, antennas, transmission dishes and associated ground based equipment, I am less concerned as to the potential impact that this will have on the landscape character and views of this part of the National Park due to its subservient size compared to the mast itself and the screening effect that the adjacent woodland will provide. I note and welcome the choice of dark green for the colour of the proposed equipment cabinets that will sit beneath the mast. This is considered appropriate for this setting and will blend in with the conifer trees already found on site.

I understand that there will not be any visible lights attached to this structure and as such there should not be an impact upon the Dark Skies status of the National Park.

In summing up, whilst this 20m. mast will be visible from receptor sites located in the Dry Training Area to the north, east and south, I do not believe that it would have a significant effect upon the landscape character or views in this part of the National Park. Due to the distances involved, wide open landscape, careful site location, additional mitigation measures proposed (retention and maintenance of the existing adjacent woodland, cabinet colour choice etc.), the effect on the landscape character and views in this part of the National Park would be less than substantial. As such I do not have any objections to this proposed development.

I do however believe that it would be prudent to consider placing some conditions on this application should it be approved, namely;

- Should the mast and its equipment become redundant for a period of six months or more then it should be dismantled and removed from the landscape, including the concrete plinth that everything stands on so that a full site restoration can be achieved.
- The applicant should be asked to maintain the existing woodland such that the desired screening effect is achieved for the lifetime of the lattice mast and selective management would be deemed appropriate should any tree reach such a height that it then starts to interfere with the successful operation of the telecommunications infrastructure mounted on the mast. Such proposals should be put in writing and agreed by the local planning Authority prior to work taking place except where situations of immediate danger are identified.
- Should any external lighting be deemed necessary for the safe operation of this installation of this mast in the future, then proposals should first be submitted to the local planning Authority for approval.

I trust that you find the above comments useful and should you require any further clarification or need any further information please do not hesitate to get back in touch.

regards

-----Original Message-----

From: DC Consultation

Sent: 05 April 2018 17:10

To: Robert Mayhew

Subject: Planning Application Consultation 18NP0026 Barrowburn Farm, Harbottle, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE65 7BP

Please see the attached consultation regarding a planning application which has been received by Northumberland National Park Authority. Full details can be viewed at <http://nnpa.planning-register.co.uk/plaPlanningAppDisplay.aspx?AppNo=18NP0026>

Margaret Telfer

From: DC Consultation
Sent: 30 April 2018 07:38
To: Rebecca Adams; Margaret Telfer; Colin Godfrey
Subject: FW: New comments for application 18NP0026

-----Original Message-----

From: Web Master
Sent: 29 April 2018 15:06
To: DC Consultation
Subject: New comments for application 18NP0026

New comments have been received for application 18NP0026 from Andrew S Brunt

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Address:
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Comments:

Natural England have produced the National Character Area Profile 4: Cheviots, in which this site lies. This states that "This is a remote, undisturbed landscape, highly valued for its tranquillity and wild open spaces". Visitors to this location are mostly drawn by this character, and the site of the proposed mast lies very close to a popular bridlepath, and to buildings of a unique visual character and importance in local history, where the sight and sound of this development will be in complete contradiction of this character. Anyone travelling up the valley from the south by the road will have a clear view of this mast on the knoll from about 2 km away, with similar results. On an administrative matter, this web page says the consultation period has expired, but the notice on the fence at Wedder Leap is dated 23 April and says 21 days from that date for comments.

Web Master,
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Margaret Telfer

From: Rebecca Adams
Sent: 05 June 2018 11:05
To: Margaret Telfer
Subject: FW: Planning application 18NP0026

From: catherine iley [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 May 2018 18:30
To: Rebecca Adams
Subject: Re: Planning application 18NP0026

Dear Rebecca

Thank you for this information. We are glad that efforts are being made to reduce the sound and that some consideration is being given to the implications for our business. We also understand the reasons for the proposed development.

However, we are still concerned at the whole impact of the proposal, including the visual impact, for our customers and also other day visitors who enjoy coming to Barrowburn and its surroundings for its unspoilt and wild beauty. Something we feel that the proposed location of this imposing structure would impinge upon. We question whether it is necessary to position the mast within 60 metres of the only tourism business in this area of the National Park. We depend upon the income from our tourism business to make our tenancy viable.

Kind regards,

Catherine and Scott

On Fri, Apr 27, 2018 at 4:07 PM, Rebecca Adams <Rebecca.Adams@nnpa.org.uk> wrote:
Dear Mr and Mrs Iley,

Thank you for your comments on this application, which have been received and added to the file.

Having reviewed your email I forwarded this to the agent to the application and advised that they may wish to respond to the points raised. The agent has come back to me today with some additional information regarding noise levels that would be generated by the proposed development, which I have attached to this email. These comments are also available to view online here: <http://nnpa.planning-register.co.uk/plaPlanningAppDisplay.aspx?AppNo=18NP0026>. I hope that these are of some use to you.

I would be happy to discuss this matter with you further should you wish, either by email or phone on 01434 611552. Should you wish to make any further comments on the application then I would also be happy to receive these.

Regards,

Rebecca

From: catherine iley [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 April 2018 21:44

Margaret Telfer

From: DC Consultation
Sent: 24 April 2018 07:45
To: Rebecca Adams; Margaret Telfer
Subject: FW: Planning application 18NP0026

From: catherine iley [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 April 2018 21:44
To: DC Consultation
Subject: Planning application 18NP0026

Dear Rebecca

We are concerned about the potential impact this proposal could have upon our small tourism business consisting of a camp site, camping barn and self-catering accommodation at Barrowburn Farm.

The camp site and holiday lets are only 30 metres from the proposed mast and generator site. We think that the unsightly structure and associated noise from generator will impact upon people wanting to book with us. We did have plans to further develop the business which we have put on hold, partly due to this proposal.

Kind regards,

Catherine and Scott Iley

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REF 18NP0026



Dear Rebecca,

Whilst walking near Barrowburn Farm in the Upper Coquet Valley I read a notice about the erection of a 20mtr high communication Apparatus in that vicinity.

I was very saddened and shocked I have been a regular visitor and walker in this beautiful area since I was a kid.

I strongly object to this installation on the Grounds that it would be unsightly and not in the keeping of the national Park.

yours hopefully



Laura Garth

From: Rebecca Adams
Sent: 27 April 2018 15:38
To: Laura Garth
Subject: FW: Application ref: 18NP0026 - Barrowburn Farm (EAS0529A) - additional information

From: Ginny Hall [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 April 2018 12:05
To: Rebecca Adams
Subject: RE: Application ref: 18NP0026 - Barrowburn Farm (EAS0529A) - additional information

Hi Rebecca

Before submitting the planning application for this site we had extensive discussions about ways to ensure the noise did not interfere with the operations of the adjacent camping area. A site specific power solution was designed with generator and battery packs so that the generator will only run from 0900-1800 and that the equipment will run on the (silent) battery system at all other times. The Generator details are as follows:

Controllis Modular 48-12 12kW DC monitored generator
The sound level at 7m would be 57dB

In addition, the generator itself will be surrounded by a close boarded fence and the wider compound will also be surrounded by a close boarded fence. The 2No fences will also help to reduce the generator noise in the surrounding area. I understand that the sound levels half as the distance from the site is doubled as follows:

- 14m from the site it will be 28.5db,
- 28m it will be 14.25db,
- 56m its 7db

We understand that the camping area is more than 56m from the proposed site location so it is our opinion that the daytime noise from the proposed generator would not be sufficient to adversely affect the amenity of the area.

I hope this helps, however please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any further information.

Kind Regards

Ginny

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From: Rebecca Adams [<mailto:Rebecca.Adams@nnpa.org.uk>]
Sent: 24 April 2018 10:09
To: Ginny Hall [REDACTED]
Subject: Application ref: 18NP0026 - Barrowburn Farm (EAS0529A) - additional information

Hi Ginny,

**Development Management Committee
20th June 2018**

We have received comments on this application today from the tenants of Barrowburn Farm who have raised concerns about the development. I have attached a copy of these comments for your records.

Should you wish to respond to any of the points raised I would be happy to receive these.

Regards,

Rebecca

Rebecca Adams, Planning Officer

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