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Dear John

**20/00221/FUL – Redevelopment of Bentham Country Club to a Climbing Park with the erection of Climbing Centre building, replacement multi-use dome, high rope with zip line course & ancillary guest accommodation – Bentham Country Club, Bentham Lane, Bentham, Cheltenham GL3 4UD**

Thank you for consulting the Cotswolds Conservation Board ('the Board') on the above planning application, which is located within the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

The Board endorses the comments and recommendations made by Natural England in their response to this consultation. In particular, we endorse their recommendations relating to the additional information required for the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA).

In addition, the Board asks that Tewkesbury Borough Council, in making their decision on this planning application, has regard to:

- the policies of the Cotswolds AONB Management Plan 2018-2023;
- the Cotswolds AONB Landscape Character Assessment (LCA), particularly with regards to Landscape Character Type (LCT) 18 (Settled Unwooded Vale) and LCT 2 (Escarpment);
- the Cotswolds AONB Landscape Strategy and Guidelines (LSG), particularly with regards to LCT 18 and LCT2;
- relevant Cotswolds Conservation Board Position Statements, including those relating to 'Tranquillity' and to 'Dark Skies and Artificial Light'.

If you have any queries regarding the Board's response, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

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