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Dear Emma,

APPLICATION NO: MW.0140/22

DESCRIPTION: Section 73 application to continue the development permitted by permission MW.0141/21 (for an extension of the processing area including relocation of external bunding and extension of concrete processing pad) without complying with condition 7 to increase the annual tonnage from 21,000 to 30,000 and condition 22, to amend the prescriptive list of site equipment

LOCATION: Showell Farm Composting Facility, Showell Farm, Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire OX7 5TH

Thank you for consulting the Cotswolds Conservation Board ('the Board') on this proposed development, which would be located in the setting of the Cotswolds National Landscape.¹

In reaching its planning decision, the local planning authority (LPA) has a statutory duty to have regard to the purpose of conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the National Landscape.² The Board recommends that, in fulfilling this 'duty of regard', the LPA should: (i) ensure that planning decisions are consistent with relevant national and local planning policy and guidance; and (ii) take into account the following Board publications:

- Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Management Plan 2018-2023 ([link](#));
- Cotswolds AONB Landscape Character Assessment ([link](#)) particularly, in this instance, with regards to Landscape Character Type (LCT) 15 Farmed Slopes and 7 High Wold;
- Cotswolds AONB Landscape Strategy and Guidelines ([link](#)) particularly, in this instance, with regards to LCT 15 ([link](#)), including Section 15.7 and LCT 7 ([link](#)), including Sections 7.6 and 7.13;
- Cotswolds AONB Local Distinctiveness and Landscape Change ([link](#));
- Cotswolds Conservation Board Position Statements ([link](#)) particularly, in this instance, with regards to Development in the Setting of the AONB ([link](#)).

The proposed expansion of the facility would add an estimated 12 two-way HGV trips per day, which equates to one per hour, accessing the site from the A361 via a minor road. A proportion of these HGV movements will come from the east and would not originate in or travel through the National Landscape. Therefore the proposal is likely to have a negligible impact on the natural beauty of the National Landscape and therefore the Board **does not object** to this application.

Cotswolds Conservation Board

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The Cotswolds National Landscape is a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), managed and looked after by the Cotswolds Conservation Board.

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Rebecca Charley

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this response further.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Joyce', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Simon Joyce

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NOTES:

- 1) Cotswolds National Landscape is the new name for the Cotswolds Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). The new name takes forward one of the proposals of the Government-commissioned 'Landscapes Review' to rename AONBs as 'National Landscapes'. This change reflects the national importance of AONBs and the fact that they are safeguarded, in the national interest, for nature, people, business and culture.
- 2) Section 85 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.
www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/37/section/85
- 3) The documents referred to in our response can be located on the Cotswolds National Landscape website under the following sections
 - a. Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Management Plan 2018-2023
www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/management-plan
 - b. Cotswolds AONB Landscape Character Assessment
www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/lca
 - c. Cotswolds AONB Landscape Strategy and Guidelines
www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/lsg
 - d. Cotswolds AONB Local Distinctiveness and Landscape Change
www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/ldlc
 - e. Cotswolds Conservation Board Position Statements
www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/ps1
www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/ps2