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15 December 2022

Dear Andrew,

APPLICATION NO: 22/03763/FUL

DESCRIPTION: Change of use of land from equestrian to residential caravan site with provision of additional 3 no. traveller pitches (partially retrospective)

LOCATION: Land Parcel South of Meadow View, Stow Road, Bourton-on-the-Water, Gloucestershire

Thank you for consulting the Cotswolds National Landscape Board¹ on this proposed development, which would be located within the Cotswolds National Landscape².

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 Landscape³. 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 publications⁴:

- 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) 17 Pastoral Lowland Vale;
- Cotswolds AONB Landscape Strategy and Guidelines ([link](#)) particularly, in this instance, with regards to LCT 17 ([link](#)), including Section 17.2;
- Cotswolds AONB Local Distinctiveness and Landscape Change ([link](#)); and
- Cotswolds Conservation Board Position Statements ([link](#)).

Having reviewed the application, the Board acknowledges that the site is identified by Policy H7 of the adopted Cotswold Local Plan 2011-2031 as a preferred site for accommodating the future needs of Travellers against a current shortfall of identified 'deliverable' sites to accommodate the traveller pitch need. We also acknowledge that the site has been occupied by at least one caravan since 2017.

The application proposes mitigative planting to screen the site, the detail of which could be controlled by an appropriately-worded pre-commencement condition to ensure that the landscape and scenic beauty of the National Landscape is conserved and enhanced. Without prejudice, should the Local Planning Authority be minded to grant planning permission, we would support such a condition being imposed and on this basis, 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 require any further information or wish to discuss this response.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Joyce'.

Simon Joyce

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NOTES:

- 1) The name used for the organisation associated with the AONB designation is the Cotswolds National Landscape Board. At times this is abbreviated to National Landscape Board or The Board. The legal name of the organisation remains the Cotswolds Conservation Board but this name is no longer used in most circumstances.
- 2) 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.
- 3) Section 85 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.
www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/37/section/85
- 4) 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