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By email only to: planningdc@gloucestershire.gov.uk;

24 July 2023

Dear Nick,

APPLICATION NO: 23/0016/CWS73W

DESCRIPTION: Variation of condition 2(Approved Plans and Details) relating to planning consent 20/0050/CWMAJW dated 09/11/2020

LOCATION: Valley Trading Ltd, Babdown Industrial Estate, Babdown, Beverston, Gloucestershire, GL8 8YL

Thank you for consulting the Cotswolds National Landscape Board¹ ('the Board') 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 Landscape.³ 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 2023-2025 ([link](#));
- Cotswolds AONB Landscape Character Assessment ([link](#)) particularly, in this instance, with regards to Landscape Character Type (LCT) 9 (High Wold Dip-Slope);
- Cotswolds AONB Landscape Strategy and Guidelines ([link](#)) particularly, in this instance, regards to LCT 9 ([link](#)) including Section 9.2;
- Cotswolds AONB Local Distinctiveness and Landscape Change ([link](#)); and
- Cotswolds Conservation Board Position Statements ([link](#)).

The Board **does not object** to this application. The application seeks permission to vary consented plans to enable a larger extension to the existing workshop than has currently been permitted to respond to the evolving needs of the applicant's business. The application site is located within an established industrial area which is surrounded on three sides by bunds supplemented by established planting. Having reviewed the applicant's submission we agree with the applicant's assessment that due to the presence of the bunds and the larger buildings to the north, the proposed larger extension would not give rise to significant adverse landscape impacts over and above the currently-consented workshop extension. The external finishes proposed will match those of the existing buildings.

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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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss further.

Yours sincerely,

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

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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 2023-2025
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