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10 July 2023

Dear Clare,

APPLICATION NO: 23/01256/CND

DESCRIPTION: Discharge of condition 8 (foul and surface water drainage scheme, details of external lighting, details of twin unit caravans, landscaping scheme and maintenance schedule) of planning permission 21/00801/FUL

LOCATION: Land North West Of 66 Over Norton Road, Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire

Thank you for consulting the Cotswolds National Landscape Board¹ on the further information submitted by the applicant in support of this proposed development, which would be located within the Cotswolds National Landscape².

In our previous response dated 8 June 2023 (with which this response should be read in conjunction), the Board raised an objection and requested that the applicant provided further information, clarification and amendments to the proposals in order to ensure that the natural beauty of the National Landscape is conserved and enhanced. Having reviewed the information, the Board wishes to **withdraw our objection**.

In response to these comments and those from other consultees, the applicant has submitted an updated Landscape Enhancement Scheme. This shows additional hedgerow planting along the northern boundary, in accordance with the advice of the Inspector in determining the recent appeal and further detailed updates reflecting the comments of the Council's Forestry and Landscape Officer.

The applicant has also submitted revised lighting plans featuring a downward-facing alternative to the lanterns that were previously proposed. Although the information is limited to a manufacturer's datasheet which only contains basic information, given the small scale of the development (four residential caravans), it is considered that the information provided is acceptable and that the proposed lighting would limit the impact of light pollution and light spill upon the dark skies of the National Landscape.

Without prejudice, should the Council be minded to grant planning permission we would recommend that the implementation of these proposals should be closely monitored to ensure compliance, in the interests of the conservation and enhancement of the landscape and scenic beauty of the Cotswolds National Landscape.

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 don't hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss this response further.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Joyce', with a small dot 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