



Lanica Agnew
Planner
Stratford-on-Avon District Council
Elizabeth House
Stratford-upon-Avon
CV37 6HX

By email only to: lanica.agnew@stratford-dc.gov.uk

7 April 2022

Dear Lanica,

APPLICATION NO: 22/00872/FUL

DESCRIPTION: Construction of single storey extension to existing bottling hall building

LOCATION: Cotswold Distilling Company, Phillips Field, Whichford Road, Stourton, Shipston-on-Stour.

Thank you for consulting the Cotswolds Conservation Board ('the Board') on this proposed development, which would be located within 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 publications³:

- 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) 19 (Unwooded Vale) which the site is located within and 1 (Escarpment Outliers) and 6 (Ironstone Hills and Valleys) from which the site can be viewed;
- Cotswolds AONB Landscape Strategy and Guidelines ([link](#)) particularly, in this instance, with regards to LCT 19 ([link](#)), including Section 19.1, LCT 1 ([link](#)) including Section 1.1 and LCT 6 ([link](#));
- Cotswolds AONB Local Distinctiveness and Landscape Change ([link](#)); and
- Cotswolds Conservation Board Position Statements ([link](#)).

Having reviewed the application, we consider that the proposal would not result in a significant impact on the landscape and scenic beauty of the National Landscape.

We agree with the applicant's assessment that the proposed extension to the bottling hall is of limited scale and will be subservient to the current bottling hall. The proposed materials reflect those already used in other buildings on site and the extension would have a limited impact upon the public right of way to the west due to the intervening hedgerow whilst also be screened from the road by other buildings on site. The proposal would not affect the current operating hours, levels of traffic movements or noise generated by the site and therefore would not have a significantly greater impact on the tranquillity of the AONB compared with the current site operations.

Bearing the above in mind, the Board **does not wish to object** to this application.

Cotswolds Conservation Board

The Old Prison, Fosse Way, Northleach
Gloucestershire GL54 3JH
01451 862000
info@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk

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

cotswoldsaonb.org.uk

Chairman:
Brendan McCarthy
Vice Chair:
Rebecca Charley

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 be 'S. Joyce', written on a light-colored background.

Simon Joyce

Planning Officer

simon.joyce@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk | 07808 391227

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

ANNEX 1: RESPONSE OF COTSWOLDS NATIONAL LANDSCAPE TO APPLICATION NO. 21/02773/TDC, 5
JANUARY 2022