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For the attention of Mr P Jefcote

S6/2011/2825/MA (Erection of loose boxes, Coopers Lane Road, Potters Bar)

Please find Natural England's response in relation to the above mentioned consultation attached herewith.

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Regards,

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Dear Mr Jefcote

Planning consultation: Demolition of dilapidated shed and erection of 2 loose boxes and hay store
Location: Coopers Field Stables, Coopers Lane Road, Potters Bar

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated on and received by Natural England on 11 January 2012.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

This application is in close proximity to Northaw Great Wood Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). However, given the nature and scale of this proposal, Natural England raises no objection to the proposal being carried out according to the terms and conditions of the application and submitted plans on account of the impact on designated sites.

The lack of further comment from Natural England should not be interpreted as a statement that there are no impacts on the natural environment. Other bodies and individuals may be able to make comments that will help the Local Planning Authority (LPA) to fully take account of the environmental value of this site in the decision making process.

However, we would expect the LPA to assess and consider the possible impacts resulting from this proposal on the following when determining this application:

Protected species

If the LPA is aware of, or representations from other parties highlight the possible presence of a protected or Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) species on the site, the authority should request survey information from the applicant before determining the application. The Government has provided advice¹ on BAP and protected species and their consideration in the planning system.

The following link to some guidance [Natural England Standing Advice](#) on our website has been produced to help the authority better understand the impact of this particular development on protected or BAP species should they be identified as an issue at this site and whether following receipt of survey information, the authority should undertake further consultation with Natural England.

¹ Paragraph 98 and 99 of ODPM Circular 06/2005 and Paragraph 16 of Planning Policy Statement 9

Local wildlife sites

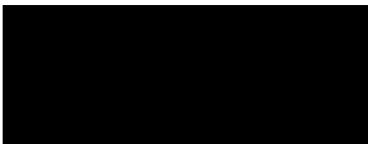
If the proposal site is on or adjacent to a local wildlife site, e.g. Site of Nature Conservation Importance (SNCI) or Local Nature Reserve (LNR) the authority should ensure it has sufficient information to fully understand the impact of the proposal on the local wildlife site before it determines the application.

Biodiversity enhancements

This application may provide opportunities to incorporate features into the design which are beneficial to wildlife, such as the incorporation of roosting opportunities for bats or the installation of bird nest boxes. The authority should consider securing measures to enhance the biodiversity of the site from the applicant, if it is minded to grant permission for this application. This is in accordance with Paragraph 14 of PPS9. Additionally, we would draw your attention to Section 40 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act (2006) which states that *'Every public authority must, in exercising its functions, have regard, so far as is consistent with the proper exercise of those functions, to the purpose of conserving biodiversity'*. Section 40(3) of the same Act also states that *'conserving biodiversity includes, in relation to a living organism or type of habitat, restoring or enhancing a population or habitat'*.

Should the proposal be amended in a way which significantly affects its impact on the natural environment then, in accordance with Section 4 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, Natural England should be consulted again.

Yours sincerely



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Feedback



Land Use Planning Consultations

We value your opinion

At Natural England we value our customers and seek to improve the quality of our services based on feedback and suggestions from you. If you would like to let us have your views, we would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to answer these questions and return it to us using the "E-mail Form" button.

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1) With reference to the recent consultation, please rate your experience of:	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor	N/A
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e) The practicality and helpfulness of the advice given to you	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
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Improving the overall quality of our service

The overall quality of our service throughout your consultation process:

2) *Did our advice support you in achieving environmental protection or enhancement?*

Yes No Don't Know

3) *In relation to your particular consultation, do you have any suggestions, ideas or feedback on how we can improve our service to you?*

Thank you for taking the time to let us have your views.

Alan Law, Director for Land Use.

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