

Date: 10 December 2019
Our ref: 300829
Your ref: Northumberland National Park Local Plan (draft)



Mrs. Susannah Buylla
Northumberland National Park Authority



BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Mrs. Buylla,

**Planning consultation: Northumberland national Park Local Plan (Publication draft)
Appropriate Assessment Query**

Thank you for your query regarding the above dated 15 November 2019 which was received by Natural England on the same date.

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.

Northumberland National Park Local Plan

I have re-assessed the submitted Local Plan documents (draft) and I can advise that Natural England concur with the approach taken by the authority regarding the proposed policies in the emerging local plan. The emphasis on policy development which avoids risk; rather than mitigates against likely significant effects, is considered acceptable and no therefore Appropriate Assessment is required.

We would be happy to comment further should the need arise but if in the meantime you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

For any queries relating to the specific advice in this letter only please contact me on [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

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