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Consultee comments

Dear Sir/Madam,

A consultee has commented on a Planning Application. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 08/02/2024 5:20 PM from Mrs Eilish Gardner (egardner@nationalforest.org) on behalf of National Forest Company.

Application Summary

Reference:	23/01000/FUL
Address:	Hall Farm 16 Altar Stones Lane Markfield Leicestershire LE67 9PX
Proposal:	Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 2no. buildings and associated parking areas, landscaping, access, solar panels, EV charging stations and other works for the purposes of car sales
Case Officer:	Laura Ashton

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Comments Details

Dear Laura,

Thank you for reconsulting the National Forest Company (NFC) on the above application.

Comments: Our previous response concluded that the National Forest planting requirement (of Policy 21) was not able to be met on site and therefore a financial contribution of £9,800 was requested to meet the policy requirements. In response the applicant has advised that they do not consider this request to accord with paragraph 57 of the NPPF for the reasons discussed in their letter dated 24th January 2024.

I hope I can explain the NFC position further.

There are two issues which may have become confused; one is how to meet the National Forest Planting requirement and the other is how to mitigate for the removal of trees on the site. The NFC consistently comment on these two issues on applications across the National Forest and are clear that mitigation planting should be provided in addition to National Forest planting. This approach is consistently supported by the Local Planning Authorities we work with across the

National Forest.

It appears that the applicant considers that the mitigation planting and management, should also be considered the National Forest planting offer. The NFC considers that the mitigation planting (the suitability of which must be considered by the Council's Tree Officer) does not contribute to the National Forest planting requirement. Policy 21 requires dedicated National Forest planting which is an additional requirement to mitigation planting (which would be required on all sites, regardless of whether they were in the National Forest or not).

It therefore remains our position that National Forest planting cannot be achieved on site. Accordingly, the NFC would be grateful if £9,800 could be secured within a s106 Agreement with the payment due prior to the commencement of development. We would appreciate the opportunity to view the s106 agreement prior to it being signed.

As advised previously, existing trees must be suitably protected during construction. Additionally, the use of timber and solar panels is encouraged by the NFC. We would encourage the use of sustainable British timber cladding to create a National Forest character, while supporting the British forestry sector.

I hope this is useful.

Kind Regards
Eilish

Eilish Gardner | Green Infrastructure & Planning Officer

Kind regards