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To: Planning Application Comments
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 24/01126/FUL

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 18/12/2024 3:58 PM from Mrs Eilish Gardner (egardner@nationalforest.org) on behalf of National Forest Company.

Application Summary

Reference:	24/01126/FUL
Address:	Land South Of Charnwood Acres Markfield Road Ratby Leicester Leicestershire LE6 0LW
Proposal:	Erection of 3 Shepherd huts
Case Officer:	Sullivan Archer

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Comments Details

Dear Sullivan,

Thank you for consulting the National Forest Company (NFC) on the above application for the 'Erection of 3 Shepherd huts.'

Principle

The NFC do not object nor support any individual planning applications, and the suitability of this specific use in this location is for the Local Authority to consider. However, new visitor attractions/facilities that can demonstrate high sustainability credentials and encourage people to visit and explore the National Forest are welcomed by the NFC.

Comments:

National Forest location and planting

Disappointingly, there is no reference in the application documents to the site's location in the National Forest or Policy 21: National Forest. Notwithstanding this, the site area does not exceed the National Forest planting requirement in Policy 21.

Sustainable Tourism in the National Forest

There is no reference in the application to the National Forest Sustainable Tourism Accommodation Design Guide. This Guide (Sustainable tourism | National Forest), sets out rationale for encouraging new and retrofitted tourist accommodation development that helps create a distinctive National Forest

character and sense of place and makes a case for investing in the National Forest as a sustainable tourism destination by showing how tourist accommodation can contribute to a zero carbon future. The proposal has the potential to align with the seven sustainability principles outlined in the Sustainable Tourism Accommodation Design Guide, which would in turn demonstrate alignment with the character and appearance requirements of Policy 21. We would encourage consideration of the Sustainable Tourism Accommodation Design Guide.

Proposed landscaping

We note the landscaping plan indicates native trees, and hope that the detailed landscaping plans have regard for the site's location in the National Forest.

Conclusion

To conclude, the site's location in the National Forest does not appear to have been considered in the application documents, nor does Policy 21. Although the site area is below the threshold requiring National Forest planting, we would anticipate the application to consider and reflect the site's location in the National Forest.

New visitor attractions/facilities that can demonstrate high sustainability credentials and encourage people to visit and explore the National Forest are welcomed by the NFC. The applicant is asked to consider the National Forest Sustainable Tourism Accommodation Design Guide and consider how the proposal currently reflects the seven guiding principles within the document, and how the proposal could be more aligned with these principles.

Kind Regards
Eilish

Eilish Gardner | Green Infrastructure & Planning Officer

Kind regards