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By email only**Re: Land East of Horsepool Grange, Cliffe Hill Road, Stanton Under Bardon, Leicestershire - 26/00423/OUT**

Thank you for consulting the Forestry Commission on this application.

We note the site includes an area that is covered by felling licence 017/3578/2023. This felling licence was conditional requiring restocking, this felling was undertaken in 2025.

As stated in the Forestry Commission publication "Tree Felling: Getting Permission" – August 2025. (Attached) Section 6.6 states:

"If felling under the authority of a conditional licence has already taken place then those conditions cannot be subsequently overridden. For example, the granting of planning permission will not override active conditions."

Section 6.7.2 states:

"Once trees covered by the felling licence are felled, the associated restocking conditions must be implemented and replacement trees maintained to achieve full regeneration of felled areas.....Failure to comply with the felling licence, by correctly felling the trees permitted to be felled and then failing to comply with the restocking conditions, may lead to enforcement action being taken through an Enforcement Notice."

Therefore, where felling has already taken place, there is a legal obligation to restock the land as required by the terms of the felling licence. Subsequent planning approval will not override that.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

