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Sent: 15 August 2024 12:22
To: Planning Application Comments
Subject: Consultee Comments for Planning Application 24/00657/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 15/08/2024 12:22 PM from Mrs Eilish Gardner (egardner@nationalforest.org) on behalf of National Forest Company.

Application Summary

Reference:	24/00657/FUL
Address:	Barnhills Farm Merrylees Road Thornton Coalville Leicestershire LE67 1AP
Proposal:	Erection of two storey childcare facility with ancillary services and associated external play areas and animal interaction areas.
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 two storey childcare facility with ancillary services and associated external play areas and animal interaction areas.'

The site area as specified on the application forms exceeds the threshold requiring National Forest planting. However, the site area associated with the application appears to relate to the area to the north of the existing buildings, which would result in the site area not exceeding the National Forest planting threshold.

Comments:

Notwithstanding the above, given the site's location in the National Forest, we would anticipate tree planting as part of a new development. It is therefore disappointing to note that 'no additional planting is proposed.' There is the potential to introduce parkland planting to the north of the proposed building, and to the south of the existing buildings. This would allow grazing to occur/continue to occur within these areas.

Timber is included within the building design. If approved, we would encourage the inclusion of a condition requiring this to be timber as opposed to timber effect (with our preference for British timber therefore supporting the British forestry sector) as this can contribute to a National Forest character.

I hope this response is useful.

Kind Regards
Eilish

Eilish Gardner | Green Infrastructure & Planning Officer

Kind regards