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From: SM-NE-Consultations (NE) <consultations@naturalengland.org.uk>
Sent: 14 April 2026 11:19
To: SDDC Planning Applications
Subject: Re: Application ref. DMPA/2024/1510: Reconsultation on planning application
Attachments: Annex A [Oct. 2025].pdf

Categories: Samuel

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Please see below for Natural England's response to this consultation.

Dear Sir or Madam

Application Ref: DMPA/2024/1510

Our Ref: 545466

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.

Further information on when to consult Natural England on planning proposals is here: [Planning and Transport Authorities: get environmental advice on planning – GOV.UK](#).

Natural England is not able to provide specific advice on this application and therefore has no comment to make on its details. Although we have not been able to assess the potential impacts of this proposal on statutory nature conservation sites or protected landscapes, we offer the further advice and references to Standing Advice.

Natural England advises Local Planning Authorities to use the following tools to assess the impacts of the proposal on the natural environment:

Impact Risk Zones:

Natural England has provided Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) with Impact Risk Zones (IRZs) which can be used to determine whether the proposal impacts statutory nature conservation sites. Natural England recommends that the LPA uses these IRZs to assess potential impacts. If proposals do not trigger an Impact Risk Zone then Natural England will provide an auto-response email.

Standing Advice:

Natural England has published Standing Advice. Links to standing advice are in **Annex A**.

If after using these tools, you consider there are significant risks to statutory nature conservation sites or protected landscapes, please set out the specific areas on which you require Natural England's advice.

Further information on LPA duties relating to protected sites and areas is here: [Protected Sites and Areas: how to review planning applications – GOV.UK](#).

Further guidance is also set out in [Planning Practice Guidance on the Natural Environment – GOV.UK](#) and on [Habitats Regulations Assessment Appropriate Assessment – GOV.UK](#).

Non-detailed advice from Natural England does not imply that there are no impacts on the natural environment. It is for the local planning authority to determine whether or not the proposal is consistent with national and local environmental policies. Other bodies and individuals may provide information and advice on the environmental value of this site and the impacts of the proposal on the natural environment to assist the decision-making process.

Should the proposal change, please consult us again.

Yours faithfully

Paul Scott

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We strongly recommend using the [SSSI Impact Risk Zones \(SSSI IRZs\)](#) to decide when to consult Natural England on development proposals that might affect a SSSI. The SSSI IRZs tool is quick and simple to use and gives instant planning advice as a formal consultation response in certain circumstances and can reduce unnecessary delays in the planning process.

Natural England offers two chargeable services: the [Discretionary Advice Service](#), which provides pre-application and post-consent advice on planning / licensing proposals to developers and consultants; and the [Pre-submission Screening Service](#) for European Protected Species mitigation licence applications. These services help applicants take appropriate account of environmental considerations at an early stage of project development; reduce uncertainty; the risk of delay and added cost at a later stage while securing good results for the natural environment.

From: Planning Applications <planningapplications@southderbyshire.gov.uk>
Sent: 31 March 2026 14:33
To: SM-NE-Consultations (NE) <consultations@naturalengland.org.uk>
Subject: Application ref. DMPA/2024/1510: Reconsultation on planning application

Change of use from equestrian to 6 pitch traveller site and the erection of a day room on Land at Clover Park, Acresford Road, Netherseal

The above application has been amended. The amendments are summarised as:

- The site area and description of development have been changed and an updated Biodiversity Metric has been received. The updated plans and information are dated 19th February 2026 and 19th March 2026

The amendments may be viewed on our website at
<https://planning.southderbyshire.gov.uk/dmapps.aspx/?ref=DMPA/2024/1510>.

Timeframe for, and how and where to send a response

Due to the need to issue a decision within a statutory timeframe, I must receive your full comments promptly and no later than . Failure to respond within this timeframe will be taken as indicative of your intention not to comment and we will assume any previous comments still apply.

I would be grateful if comments are confined to the effects of the amendment(s), and please let us know in writing if you:

- no longer object to the proposal;
- object to all or part of the amended proposal.

We must also be able to circulate any pre-commencement conditions to the applicant no less than 10 days before a decision is due.

Form and scope of response

I am seeking your comments in so far as it affects your interests. Please ensure any response clearly outlines (1) your current stance towards the proposal, (2) the reasons for your position, and (3) what conditions and/or obligations you would wish to see attached to any grant of permission. You are strongly recommended to use the enclosed pro-forma or set out your response in this manner.

Please note that conditions will only be attached where they fulfil [the tests for imposing conditions](#) as set out in Planning Practice Guidance and conditions which require the submission and approval of information before any works can commence ([pre-commencement conditions](#)) will only be imposed in exceptional circumstances. You should base your request on our list of model conditions.

If you object to the proposals as currently presented, please outline the full reasons for your objection as **there is no guarantee that amendments or further information will be sought or received**. If you consider amendments or further information could overcome your objection, please provide these as advisory notes.

When a decision is made the decision notice and officer report will be displayed online at the above link.

Yours faithfully

Steffan Saunders

Head of Planning

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