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BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Mr Dowd,

Planning consultation: Rebuild the previously dismantled element of the mill pond wall to match the remainder. Drain mill pond to enable 'puddling' - repair works to the clay base of the pond to stop leaks, to inspect overall structure and de-silt. Removal of all vegetation growth to the SE corner of the pond excluding large mature trees to the pond edge.

Location: Kirk Mill Malt Kiln Brow Chipping PR3 2GP

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated and received by Natural England on 12 February 2016.

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.

The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)
The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended)
The National Park and Access to the Countryside Act 1949

Natural England's comments in relation to this application are provided in the following sections.

Statutory nature conservation sites – no objection

Based upon the information provided, Natural England advises the Council that the proposal is unlikely to affect any statutorily protected sites or landscapes.

Protected landscapes

Having reviewed the application Natural England does not wish to comment on this development proposal.

The development, however, relates to the Forest of Bowland AONB. We therefore advise you to seek the advice of the AONB Authority. Their knowledge of the location and wider landscape setting of the development should help to confirm whether or not it would impact significantly on the purposes of the designation. They will also be able to advise whether the development accords with the aims and policies set out in the AONB management plan.

Local sites

If the proposal site is on or adjacent to a local site, e.g. Local Wildlife Site, Regionally Important Geological/Geomorphological Site (RIGS) or Local Nature Reserve (LNR) the authority should



ensure it has sufficient information to fully understand the impact of the proposal on the local site before it determines the application.

Sites of Special Scientific Interest Impact Risk Zones

The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 requires local planning authorities to consult Natural England on “Development in or likely to affect a Site of Special Scientific Interest” (Schedule 4, w). Our SSSI Impact Risk Zones are a GIS dataset designed to be used during the planning application validation process to help local planning authorities decide when to consult Natural England on developments likely to affect a SSSI. The dataset and user guidance can be accessed from the data.gov.uk website

We would be happy to comment further should the need arise but if in the meantime you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

For any queries regarding this letter, for new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

We really value your feedback to help us improve the service we offer. We have attached a feedback form to this letter and welcome any comments you might have about our service.

Yours sincerely,

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