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Dear Ben Taylor

Planning consultation: SCAIL provided Bridge End Farm Wood House Lane Slaidburn BB7 3AH Proposed erection of an agricultural building.

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated and received by Natural England 21 November 2023.

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.

SUMMARY OF NATURAL ENGLAND'S ADVICE

NO OBJECTION

Based on the plans submitted, Natural England considers that the proposed development will not have significant adverse impacts on North Pennine Dales Meadows Special Area of Conservation (SAC) as well as Myttons Meadows Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and has no objection.

Natural England's further advice on designated sites/landscapes and advice on other natural

North Pennine Dales Meadows SAC

Having considered the proposal and supporting documentation, Natural England considers that the proposed development will not have an adverse effect on site integrity and has no objection.

However, despite the proximity of the application to European Sites, the consultation documents provided do not include information to demonstrate that the requirements of regulation 63 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) have been considered by your authority, i.e. the consultation does not include a Habitats Regulations Assessment.

To assist you in screening for the likelihood of significant effects on European sites, Natural England offers the following advice, based on the information provided:

- the proposal is not directly connected with or necessary for the management of the European site
- the proposal is unlikely to have a significant effect on any European site, either alone or in-

combination with other plans and projects, and can therefore be screened out from any requirement for further appropriate assessment

When recording your HRA we recommend you refer to the SCAIL assessments submitted with the application to justify your conclusions regarding the likelihood of significant effects.

Myttons Meadows SSSI

Based on the plans submitted, Natural England considers that the proposed development will not damage or destroy the interest features for which the site has been notified and has no objection.

Should the proposal change, please consult us again.

If you have any queries relating to the advice in this letter please contact me at nicholas.armstrong@naturalengland.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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