

Planning Application Ref: 19/02167/FUL and 19/01127/FUL

Proposed development: Erection of agricultural barns

Location: Norton Lane, Wellow, Bath

Date of consultation response: 6 June 2019

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Hi

I have been made aware of the above planning applications relating to the construction of barns at Norton Lane, Wellow, one of which is a retrospective planning application.

Unfortunately, I don't currently have capacity to visit the site and gauge the landscape impacts for myself. However, I understand that a landscape architect has already advised that the development proposals are not acceptable in their current form.

When making a decision on these planning applications, I would ask you to ensure that you:

- have regard to the purpose of conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the Cotswolds AONB (as per Section 85 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000), with the expectation that adverse impacts will be avoided or mitigated; and
- give great weight to conserving and enhancing landscape and scenic beauty in the Cotswolds AONB (as per paragraph 172 of the National Planning Policy Framework).

In particular consideration should be given to the Cotswolds AONB Landscape Character Assessment (LCA) and the Cotswolds AONB Landscape Strategy and Guidelines (LSG), in relation to Landscape Character Type (LCT) 4A (Enclosed Limestone Valley – Cam and Wellow Brook Valleys). For example, the LSG for LCT4 seeks to 'ensure that new farm buildings do not have an adverse visual impact on the wider landscape and views'.

Many thanks.

Kind regards,

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