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Kirsty

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Hello Kirsty

Many thanks for getting in touch on this application. The Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) Report appears to be the same report reviewed from 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024. Unfortunately, this report does not meet the criteria we would expect to adequately assess impacts to BMV agricultural land and as such I am not able to review or provide comments on this. In my response dated 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024 (Our ref 472687), I listed out the criteria required for an assessment to be made, pasted below for ease of reference. And although the submitted ALC report references the ALC guidelines, referenced below, it does not appear to have followed them as we would expect.

**Excerpt from letter dated 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024, ref 472687:**

Having reviewed the Agricultural Land Classification Report, Planning Statement and Design & Access Statement, Natural England notes the following information missing, to enable a full assessment of the application regarding impacts to BMV. All information given should be in line with the [Agricultural Land Classification in England and Wales. Revised guidelines and criteria for grading the quality of agricultural land:](#)

- Confirmation on the time limit of the application to confirm its temporary nature.
- Appropriate certification of the ALC surveyor, e.g. a member of Institute Professional Soil Scientists (M I Soil Sci).
- ALC map of the site using the standard colours outlined in the guidelines.
- Soil sampling detailed within the ALC Survey methodology. We would expect to see a map of auger boring points and soil pits on a regular 100m grid.
- Auger boring or soil pit observations included.

- Climatic information included at the site.
- Site information such as gradient included.
- Information on the key physical limitations at the site. ALC is based on an assessment of the long-term physical limitations to agricultural use, identified during a soil survey of the site. As such, a full assessment of this is required to judge the ALC grade appropriately.
- An accompanying schedule of all auger borings and soil pits as record of the findings of all the field observations. These should normally describe soils to a depth of 80-120cm and include detailed descriptions of soil profiles.

Hope that is clear,

Kind regards

Lucy

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Hi Lucy

I write in connection with the above planning application.

Further to your comments sent to us on 09/01/2025 I have attached the Agricultural Land Classification Report. Any comments would be greatly appreciated.

Kind Regards

Kirsty

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