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Dear Martyn Beckett

Planning consultation: 24/00384/FUL
Location: 465483, 374757

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated , which was received by Natural England on the same date.

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

FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED TO DETERMINE IMPACT

The following information is required:

Further information is required from the requested Agricultural Land Classification survey. Without this information, Natural England may need to object to the proposal.

Please re-consult Natural England once this information has been obtained.

Natural England's further advice on designated sites/landscapes and advice on other issues is set out below.

Additional Information required

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](#):

- 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 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.
- 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.

Further general advice on the protected species and other natural environment issues is provided at Annex A.

If you have any queries relating to the advice in this letter please contact me on Anthony.Ducker@naturalengland.org.uk.

Should the applicant wish to discuss the further information required and scope for mitigation with Natural England, we would be happy to provide advice through our [Discretionary Advice Service](#).

Please consult us again once the information requested above, has been provided.

Yours sincerely

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