

Northside Dolerite Extraction (22/01909/CCMEIA)

Northumberland has responded three times to this planning application. The first response was an objection. The site has been allocated for mineral extraction by the County Council. There are a number of concerns with this application with regard to significant impacts on important habitats and potentially on protected species. However, the reduction in area of extraction, retention of the main area of purple moorgrass and rush pasture, retention of the best whin grassland, stand off zones, off site enhancement area and habitat creation, along with the creation of a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) and Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP) in line with guidance from the Environment Agency and Northumberland County Council should address the majority of these concerns. Apart from the finalisations of details of the CEMP and LEMP, the only outstanding issue is the experimental nature of the waxcap grassland translocation. However, as long as this is thoroughly monitored and reported, it is acceptable in terms of informing future protection of this habitat. NWT is therefore not maintaining an objection to this application.

