

2022/1131/01/DET | Creation and improvement of strategic footpaths including the provision of associated infrastructure and development | Newcastle Great Park

Northumberland Wildlife Trust repeatedly objected to the works proposed within the Havannah Pit Local Wildlife Site on the basis that insufficient considerations were given to impacts on protected species as well as to the important features of the Local Wildlife Site itself. The Trust objected to the proposed lighting scheme which did not follow the recommendations in the application's own ecological appraisal and less impactful lighting did not seem to be given any consideration. We believe that this was also contrary to local agreed policies and plans.

We asked for changes to be made before any objection could be lifted but we believe that the decision has been made ignoring our recommendations and suggestions for improvements. This is clearly disappointing and comes at a time when global, national and some local politics is placing a reducing priority on the biodiversity and environmental agenda generally.

We do not feel that we can commit resources from NWT on pushing for a review of this decision when there are major challenges from Government to the wildlife right across our region.

