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Dear Ms Murray

Planning consultation: Agricultural Barn

Location: Felley Ranch, Felley Mill Lane South, Underwood, Nottinghamshire, NG16 5DQ

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 19 November 2025 which was received by Natural England on 19 November 2025

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

Natural England advises that the potential for air quality impacts arising from this development needs to be assessed. Natural England refers your authority to Standing Advice [‘Air pollution and development: advice for local authorities. How to assess sector-specific planning applications that could affect air quality on a protected site’](#).

Based on the plans submitted, no other environmental impacts have been identified that will have significant impacts on statutory protected sites.

Natural England's generic advice on other natural environment issues is set out at Annex A.

Statutory Protected Sites Advice

Natural England advises that the potential for air quality impacts arising from this development needs to be assessed. Natural England refers your authority to Standing Advice *‘Air pollution and development: advice for local authorities. How to assess sector-specific planning applications that could affect air quality on a protected site’*. This standing advice is Natural England's formal statutory advice and is a material consideration. It provides decision makers with the information needed to fulfil their statutory duties when making decisions on planning applications with potential air pollution impacts.

An overall conclusion regarding impacts on statutory protected sites¹ must take into account the standing advice for air pollution. This will be for your authority to determine.

Based on the plans submitted, no other environmental impacts have been identified that will have a significant impact on statutory protected sites.

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

Yours sincerely

James Ward-Gwilliam
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¹ Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs), Special Areas of Conservation (SACs), Special Protection Areas (SPAs), and Wetlands designated to be of international importance under the Ramsar Convention (or Ramsar sites).