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**Appeal Reference: APP/J9497/C/16/3146596**

#### DETAILS OF THE CASE

Appeal Reference

APP/J9497/C/16/3146596

Appeal By

MR DOUG KING-SMITH

Site Address

The Hillyfield  
Hillyfield Plantation, Land Lying South of Harbourneford  
South Brent  
Devon  
Grid Ref Easting: 271877  
Grid Ref Northing: 062264

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#### ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

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**YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE**

I, Tobias, as above, support the Mr King Smith in appealing against the enforcement notices in cases 3146596 and 3140928, and against the refusal of prior notification for two forestry buildings for the drying of timber and storage of machinery in case 3146597.

As a local small business using forestry products in high value added manufacturing the availability of carefully harvested individually selected timber products is essential. I am also aware of the importance of this woodland as an example of regeneration of previously unmanaged or badly managed local woodland, as pointed out by the former head of forestry for Dartmoor National Park, Rupert Lane. It is my opinion that the work being done at Hillyfield Woodland is valuable if not essential and should be supported, not obstructed

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**YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE**

Appeal Reference number APP/J9497/C/16/3146596, 3146597, and 3140928

The Hillyfield, Land Lying South of Harbourneford: Hillyfield Plantation and Tom's Brake, South Brent, Devon

I, Richard Freeland, of Landmatters Co-operative, Allaleigh, tq97dl am writing in my capacity as secretary of the above mentioned organization to offer its full and unconditional support to the appellant in appealing against the enforcement notices in cases 3146596 and 3140928, and against the refusal of prior notification for two forestry buildings for the drying of timber and storage of machinery in case 3146597.

The Hillyfield forestry project is a genuine forestry business run by hard working, committed and visionary people. Not only does it strive to use sustainable land management practices to create a viable business, it also has a strong and passionate ethos of community involvement and the sharing and dissemination of knowledge of rural skills.

In order for the Hillyfield to remain a viable local business it is vital that it gets the infrastructure it needs to support its activities. It is a tragedy that so much of England's woodland are in a state of neglect through lack of management and a travesty when such genuine and community based projects such as this cannot rely on the aid of their local authorities to support their survival.

Speaking as an owner/manager of a small Devon woodland, I have attended training courses run at the Hillyfield aimed at promoting sustainable forestry skills such as logging with heavy horses and creating added value to forestry produce by using green woodworking to produce bespoke rustic furniture. Such trainings and skill shares not only benefit the Hillyfield but also support other small scale local land managers to run viable businesses.

In short, The Hillyfield is an exemplary project which offers local employment, local produce, training in sustainable rural skills and a much needed sense of community for all those associated with it. England's woodlands need more projects like this, not less.

Most sincerely,

Richard Freeland,  
Landmatters Co-operative.

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## YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

Mr N.S.Legg  
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Appeal ref Number APP/J94997/C16/3146596

The Hillyfield, Land lying south of Harbourneford: Hillyfield plantation and Toms Brake, South Brent, Devon.

I support the appellant in appealing against the enforcement notice, and in support for granting the prior notification for two forestry buildings for the drying of timber and storage of machinery. Our family have lived in Harbourneford for over 22 years and over most of these years before Mr King Smith took over the woodland it was sadly neglected and very poorly managed. The accesses to the woods were also previously forbidden, to villagers, with one owner putting up many aggressive signs at all the entrances. None of these owners seemed to manage the wood and fish ponds were put in in that were barely used.

Since Mr King Smith's ownership there has been a complete and professional change in the management of the woodland.

They are managed in a careful, sustainable and inclusive way.

Due to all his hard work the woodlands are coming back to life; the wild flowers are returning and wild life is moving back.

They have had, out of necessity, had to use some make shift structures to be able to do this work, with seasonal workers accommodation, and a tented structure for them to have meals and breaks and shelter from the rain, all vital for them to be able to undertake the impressive work that they have been doing.

I have seen these structures and they are very low impact and are not visible, from any road or from the village and do not cause a disturbance to neighbours.

My family have participated as volunteers and attended some of the woodland skills workshops, which have been fascinating and educational.

We tried in the beginning to buy our logs from the woodland project but due to no dry areas, for storing wood on the site, we had to stop.

The temporary wood drying barn has made a huge difference to the quality of the logs, and we have been buying all our logs from Mr King Smith this winter.

A new permanent wood drying barn is essential if this venture is to succeed, and a properly constructed and covered area to store his valuable tools. Mr King -Smith has always been approachable and kept everyone in the village well informed of all proposed plans and development, which we thoroughly appreciate.

I am a keen supporter of the Dartmoor National Parks and support many of their planning decisions, but in this case they have got it completely wrong.

The proposed buildings are essential to properly manage this woodland. It now has its own private access, and most importantly it has allowed my family and many local residents to enjoy this special corner of the national park previously excluded to the local community.

I truly hope you will support this appeal, as it is vital to the success of the project that it becomes financially viable and most of the village of Harbourneford fully support it.

Yours sincerely  
Mr N.S.Legg

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## YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

The applicants have "rescued " a desolate part of Dartmoor with deceased trees which had to be cut down by law .Futhermore ,they have provided a beautiful place where those of us who want to enjoy the countryside and the rural ways connected with forrestry as we live in flats and urban areas.

My main concern with this enforcement is that it has all the hallmarks of an authority totally out of any understanding of the present social and economic environment .If you insist on Dartmoor Agricultural monoculture then you will see the Dartmoor economy collapse and the decay of the moor environment will be inevitable .I ask you to consider ,how do you the authority expect people who have intelligent plans for reviving the society of Dartmoor are frustrated by officers who need to be seconded to realise how far the outside world has changed .Being an ex banker i know all about finance and influence of farmers lobby .Let us just say they would like subsidies and the general public banned form their land .

I remember scandals like the "set aside land payments" made to a farmer who had turned the said land into an international golf course.The late Terry Wogan bought a scottish forrest just to get the tax relief .Dartmoor needs pioneers ,the authority need to be more flexible .

Finally,the way the economic world is going soon the idea of restricting development of Dartmoor (especially by the Chinese) will be history,thos who cannot bend will break or be broken .Support the pioneers,the farmers lobby can afford to have this appeal upheld ,if not then Dartmoor will become irrelevant in the future ,a place where logic is a stranger.

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#### YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

The Hillyfield is an admirable enterprise working to maintain the species richness and biodiversity of a woodland whilst engaging with local people and providing them a place to enjoy nature. Its positive impacts are many and varied. I believe we should be working to support such businesses, the profitability is challenging and requires massive commitment from the staff, far and above what would be expected in a regular occupation. If, instead of offering this support we put hurdles in the way how can such a business expect to survive? If it fails consider the loss of habitat, biodiversity and wilderness which will ensue. We've already lost enough woodland in the area and should be protecting what's left.

The contested barns and outbuildings are vital to the viability of this business, please consider this when making your decision.

Regards,

Mat

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**YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE**

I, Jonathan Dawson, of Schumacher College support the appellant in appealing against the enforcement notices in cases 3146596 and 3140928, and against the refusal of prior notification for two forestry buildings for the drying of timber and storage of machinery in case 3146597.



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#### YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

As someone who enjoys what Hillyfield has to offer I am very disappointed to learn of the planning decisions to halt them in their tracks. The forestry business that is conducted there is non-intrusive, traditional and completely in keeping with the historic use of the Moor and surrounding woodland. With its hugely beneficial impact upon the local economy, positive ambient education of children and general wellbeing of all its many users Hillyfield is a rare resource that the local council should be supporting, not inhibiting.

Ask yourselves a question... what will happen if the current operation ceases ? Will the land become devoid of activity, worth and life.

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#### YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

I am absolutely stunned that such an enterprising and sustainable minded initiative is being harassed and bothered with these enforcement notices. The Hilly Fields provide a wonderfully educational environment for local people and particularly children to learn about the out doors and to keep in touch with nature which is very rapidly become alien to large swathes of our society. The woodlands are well managed and are maintained with nature and the environment at its heart and the belief that through sustainable management and care for the area it can provide wood for heating to the local area as well as timber for the construction industry as well as local people looking for an alternative to large national timber yards for locally grown responsibly sourced materials. I have visited the hilly fields several times for open days, volunteer days and workshops and have been amazed by the large amount of interest from others and the numbers that come and visit the Hilly Fields. Its an invaluable contribution to the local community. In order for this fantastic place to continue the enforcement's must be lifted. I struggle to see the logic in enforcing the removal of all structures on site when in order for the people involved in managing the woodland to function in their roles they will require tools and wood stores under cover, toilets, and seasonal workers will require accommodation, a field kitchen for those working there and a functional work shop to repair and sharpen the tools of the trade. Seasonal working provides a number of people from very different back grounds excellent experience, particularly those people who are out of employment or looking for a way to better their lives. The requirement of these structures is essential and it beggars belief that your department sees it fit to remove these structures and end what is a fantastic example of how we should all be thinking in an ever growing situation of climate and environmental pollution

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#### YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

##### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

We are writing in support of your appellant Doug King-Smith concerning The Hillyfield, Land Lying South of Harbourneford: Hillyfield Plantation and Tom's Brake, South Brent.

We have been working with Doug on a part-time basis since April 2013, helping him to set-up his poultry and egg business, Hillyfield Hens. Keeping poultry in a woodland setting, next to a river, as he does at The Hillyfield, is not without its challenges - particularly from predators - and we have been truly impressed by Doug's enthusiasm to create an environment that is safe for the birds and yet still in keeping with the surroundings.

We have used as many materials as possible from the site (including fence posts from Hillyfield trees felled due to Larch disease and sawdust from the mobile wood mill as bedding).

But what particularly sets The Hillyfield project apart from poultry businesses is the involvement of the community and volunteer workers - indeed it has made it possible to establish a sustainable forestry business.

For example, seasonal forestry workers (who have come to The Hillyfield to help in the woods through the Worldwide Opportunities on Organic farms scheme) have also been on-hand to open chicken houses and feed the birds in the morning (saving us regular journeys from our homes in Totnes) and to help with some of the many jobs requiring more hands: repairing and moving chicken houses etc..

Wwoofers come from across the country, and across the world, of course, so they have taken knowledge and expertise gained at The Hillyfield across the globe (and brought us a few ideas of their own).

The Hillyfield also hosts regular monthly volunteer days, when members of the surrounding community spend a day working on the land. Their work often includes helping out with work around the chickens, and again there has been much help given and ideas exchanged. This is the first time we have worked closely with voluntary workers and we have been genuinely moved by their enthusiasm and eagerness to get involved. We have spoken and worked with many of them over the past three years and they have unanimously expressed their gratitude that Doug gives them the opportunity to get involved and experience the magical surroundings of The Hillyfield woodland farm.

On a more personal level, we have always found Doug and his helpers to be the perfect mix of friendly and professional, making working with them a pleasurable and rewarding experience. He has a true love of the land and a seemingly endless capacity to put in that little bit extra work to do it right - for the land, for the community and for future generations.

We have also always been encouraged to invite our adult children and their children to visit and spend time at The Hillyfield and I know they would all join us in thanking Doug for the opportunity to get away from their urban lives and experience nature 'hands-on'.

We are now moving on to set-up our own enterprise with a neighbouring farmer, closer to our home, but we will continue to collaborate and share knowledge and resources - we wouldn't want our relationship with The Hillyfield to end completely. The Hillyfield, and Doug's enthusiasm and leadership skills, have also inspired us to encourage community involvement at our new project and we will always be grateful to him for that.

I support the appellant in appealing against the enforcement notice, and against the refusal to grant the prior notification for the two forestry buildings for the drying of timber and storage of machinery, which this woodland clearly needs. It seems a great pity to see such investment in equipment and in felling and planting timber suffer in the elements.

We also believe there is an obvious need for facilities such as the compost toilet and field kitchen, for WWOOFers and voluntary workers, and the tool store, providing secure and weatherproof accommodation for the tools and equipment, which are vital to the business.

We would be happy to provide any further information.

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**YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE**

Improved environmental education is an essential for the UK.  
My Master's thesis research was conducted at Hillyfield woodland supporting this notion.  
([https://www.academia.edu/7967409/Natural\\_History\\_Literacy](https://www.academia.edu/7967409/Natural_History_Literacy).)  
To impair such an essential facility in Devon would be an extremely regressive procedure.  
I really hope common sense prevails  
Yours sincerely  
Grant Riley

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**Appeal Reference: APP/J9497/C/16/3146596**

#### DETAILS OF THE CASE

Appeal Reference

APP/J9497/C/16/3146596

Appeal By

MR DOUG KING-SMITH

Site Address

The Hillyfield  
Hillyfield Plantation, Land Lying South of Harbourneford  
South Brent  
Devon  
Grid Ref Easting: 271877  
Grid Ref Northing: 062264

#### SENDER DETAILS

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#### ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

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#### SENDER DETAILS

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#### ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

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**YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE**

Appeal Reference number APP/J9497/C/16/3146596, 3146597, and 3140928

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The Hillyfield, Land Lying South of Harbournford: Hillyfield Plantation and Tom's Brake, South Brent, Devon

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I, Ben Brangwyn, of 21 Lansdowne Park, support the appellant in appealing against the enforcement notices in cases 3146596 and 3140928, and against the refusal of prior notification for two forestry buildings for the drying of timber and storage of machinery in case 3146597.

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I've been to Hillyfield several times now and have been struck by the brilliant example Doug has been in terms of showing how a woodland can be sensitively and cleverly managed with the long term goals of financial sustainability and healthy woodland biodiversity. I would think that his work could serve as a fine example of active woodland management, encouraging people to love and respect the countryside.

The structures in question appear to be intrinsically required for the business there, and don't in any way intrude on either the landscape or the public.

Frankly, I'm a little baffled why Hillyfield is under threat from the Inspector instead of being held up as a rather wonderful example that other woodlands could aspire to. Surely bringing woodland under active management rather than absentee ownership and neglect is to be applauded?

I do hope you can be convinced of the benefits of Hillyfield, its sustainability on all levels and the way it enriches the locality and the wider community so that you actively support their work.

Thank you in anticipation. Ben Brangwyn



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**YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE**

I have visited the land at Hillyfield and noticed how sympathetically the land is being managed and feel that the current application is in the best interest of the land ecology and wildlife. I would like you to support this application as it will support a sustainable timber business which will enable both continued sympathetic management of the land and continued access to all members of the local community who have been able to visit and enjoy the land via community based project work.

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#### ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

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#### YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

I would to communicate my strong support for the Planning Appeal being made by Mr Doug King-Smith. Having visited the land together with my family, and understand the aims of the Hillyfield, the huge amount of work that has been undertaken on managing and improving the woodland with purely social and environmental objectives in mind, it is unjust, unreasonable and undermining that a conditioned Planning approval has not been accommodated by DNP in balancing the interests of effectively managing the woodland, allowing people to enjoy and benefit from it, whilst also protecting the character of the Park.

Dartmoor National Park needs to review its recent decision to provide a suitable level of support for the Hillyfield as should be expected by a public body serving the interests of the population and with this take a more progressive minded and balanced approach to land management within the Park.

Kind regards,

Adrian Porter



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#### ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

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**YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE**

I have bought timber from Hilly field in the past for building jobs in Brixham. I have found their service and attention to detail very valuable. However I expect timber suppliers to have proper facilities to store and keep timber dry. All my other timber suppliers in other counties are able to build a barn to do this. Why is this basic business need being removed. It will kill this perfectly good business which will be quite an annoyance for my business and the people locally who I serve. Yours Adrian Leaman

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#### SENDER DETAILS

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#### ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

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## YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

1. Appeal Reference number APP/J9497/C/16/3146596, 3146597, and 3140928
2. The Hillyfield, Land Lying South of Harbourneford: Hillyfield Plantation and Tom's Brake, South Brent, Devon
3. I, Kate Davy, of Ambios Ltd, Lower Sharpham Barton Farm, Ashprington, Totnes, Devon, TQ9 7DX; support the appellants in appealing against the enforcement notices in cases 3146596 and 3140928, and against the refusal of prior notification for two forestry buildings for the drying of timber and storage of machinery in case 3146597.

I am supporting this appeal as I see that The Hillyfield is exemplary of how woodlands should be managed, especially when landowners are put under felling orders ( in this case Larch for Phytophthora Ramorum). They are managing the land sensitively, creating diversity in native ecosystems with hedgerows, orchards, and native species being planted.

They are also creating a strong rural business which supports the local community. We as a business want to order timber from Hillyfields to support our outcomes. We support adults with learning difficulties by providing worthwhile training opportunities on our farm managed for conservation, they are making bat boxes to help with this end and these products are also being sold in the local community and further afield through NHBS (Natural history book store) in Totnes. Having all aspects of this operation being supported by local businesses (hillyfield) means that the local economy thrives, sustainably increases (not importing timber) and there is a very real learning story for the adults with learning difficulties and equally the customers that buy the products, as they can see full cycle where the timber has come from, how and where it is made and know that it is sold from a local shop.

The Hillyfield needs the timber drying barns and associated structures (workshops, tool storage) to carry out their work and thus meet their supply demands, of which we are one.

We also see that taking the adults with learning disabilities and other trainees that come to the farm, to Hillyfields will really support them. It is a chance to see where the wood that they are using has come from and with that how forestry can be undertaken in a sensitive way, how areas can be regenerated with native species. It also gives them a chance to partake in the wider community, see other parts of Devon and the fantastic landscape that is Dartmoor. For this we also see why structures such as compost loo's and kitchen facilities are needed, to support seasonal workers and in our case trainees that might visit Hillyfield.

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#### SENDER DETAILS

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TQ9 5LR

#### ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

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## YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

I support the appellant in appealing against the enforcement notice, and in support for granting the prior notification for two forestry buildings for the drying of timber and storage of machinery' I support this strongly as firstly I believe anyone who wants to care for our woodlands should be supported as it's such an important job/ offering that few people are doing well in this world . Secondly I have personally experienced the amount of wood that has had to be felled on this land , surely taking down dry storage that can't be seen by anyone will only lead to problems rather than solutions . Local wood is important, needed and wanted so I would love for that to be supported so local wood can become more accessible for local people to enjoy , burn on their fires and have in there houses . I have wood for my fire and shelves in my living room from the hillyfield and I bought it specifically because it is local, I don't want that taken away from me and I know I am not alone here . . I personally have spent many a beautiful day there experiencing Doug and Claire's passion for the place and unwavering care. I have learnt about planting trees, how to work with the land and I have enjoyed time in nature and it feel very valuable to have a safe place I know I ca go to do this close to Totnes .

I see the land as being well places and am aware of the courses that have run and are running there which feels very exiting for myself and the local community to have somewhere to go and learn . I ask that this project be fully supported and seen for what is is trying to do . We need guardians for our land and those who are doing that need to be allowed to do their work with equipment and buildings to do that . This is a simple ask we wouldn't put our own wood at home out in the rain .

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#### SENDER DETAILS

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**YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE**

To whom it may concern,  
Appeal Reference number APP/J9497/C/16/3146596, 3146597, and 3140928

The Hillyfield, Land Lying South of Harbourneford: Hillyfield Plantation and Tom's Brake, South Brent, Devon

I, Isha Olsen-Wells, of 13 Pathfields, Totnes, Devon, TQ9 5TY support the appellant in appealing against the enforcement notices in cases 3146596 and 3140928, and against the refusal of prior notification for two forestry buildings for the drying of timber and storage of machinery in case 3146597.

The Hillyfield is a wonderful community resource which is both educational and conservational. It has been a place where both myself and my son could plant trees, learn about woodland and connect with community and nature. As a single parent, it was particularly beneficial for my son to spend time with men, working in the forest. I have also bought wood from the Hillyfields to burn on my fire.

Please support this valuable community resource.

Thankyou.

Yours sincerely,

Isha Olsen-Wells

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#### YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

The Hillyfield woodland farm is a fine example of how a modern woodland can be run, engaging community with the skills and fruits of forestry. From fire wood sales to timber and coppice for building and craft. I fully support the appeal to keep all the structures on site which enable the business to store its tools safely, service the workers needs and keep the timber products dry so they can be sold in good condition.

I have visited the woodland a few times, and found it to be responsibly run with great respect to the natural environment and neighboring properties.

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## YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

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Appeal Reference number: APP/J9497/C/16/3146596, 3146597, and 3140928

Address of case in question: The Hillyfield, Land Lying South of Harbournford: Hillyfield Plantation and Tom's Brake, South Brent, Devon.

I support the appellant in appealing against the enforcement notice, and in support for granting the prior notification for two forestry buildings for the drying of timber and storage of machinery. I spent over two months staying and working at the Hillyfield as a residential seasonal forestry worker (Oct & November 2015, Jan & Feb 2016) and have also volunteered at the monthly volunteer weekends. During my stay as a residential volunteer I stayed in the Yurt and participated daily in a range of forestry work including; assisting tree felling, clearing brash, tackling invasive species in undergrowth, processing firewood and sawmill timber. Before coming to the Hillyfield I had very little forestry experience and came from an urban background. I really wanted the opportunity to spend some time in nature and gain some new skills to help me make a transition to a different employment sector and way of life.

I feel very fortunate to have been able to have been able to experience such a beautiful site whilst gaining experience in sustainable forestry management working alongside Doug. I definitely feel the new skills I gained whilst at the Hillyfield helped me both find paid work on a tree nursery and later gain a place on a practical residency in sustainable horticulture (that I am now undertaking). Doug's support and careful management helped me gain confidence in myself and improve my leadership skills, especially when I was able to help lead the weekend volunteer days. Before coming I knew very little about the importance of regenerating woodland and sustainable forestry management practices (such as maximising wildlife habitats and protecting nesting birds by careful timing of different activities). Inspired by Doug's work I want to become more actively involved in woodland work having since witnessed many unmanged woods and seen the need for woodland regeneration on Dartmoor. I also witnessed how grateful many customers were to be able to buy dry local sustainably sourced firewood, demonstrating a local demand for the work Doug does.

Doug is very hard working dedicating a lot of energy, time and resources to try and protect and maintain the Hillyfield trying to make a marginal livelihood from the essential woodland work. I witnessed the need for lots of people working together on jobs such as tree felling and brash clearing to ensure a tidy job is completed without unnecessary ecosystem damage being done (especially on a steep wooded site).

I can confirm that the work occurs in all weathers (wet, windy, snowy) making a simple 'weather-proof' shelter (the crew tent) invaluable to have breaks/lunch in. Whilst stacking wood in very wet conditions, I appreciated the need to have a wood shelter for the final dry. As a female having a compost toilet made working on site practical, especially at the busier volunteer days with lots of workers on site. A place for the volunteer seasonal forestry workers to stay on the land means a much broader group of people are given the opportunity to come and work. Without the crew tent (kitchen), compost toilet or yurt, I (and not doubt many others too) would not have been able to come to the Hillyfield, a thought which greatly saddens me. For many people the 'live in' volunteering opportunities provided at the Hillyfield could be the only opportunity available to engage with woodland work, whilst witnessing the beauty of Dartmoor. Doug is very clear that you only stay for the length of time you work as a seasonal forestry worker, and I can confirm that there was nobody staying on site during my stays who was not working hard daily in the woods.

It has been beautiful to witness the interactions between volunteers from all walks of life and ages, connecting with nature whilst learning useful skills, helping spread sustainable forestry practices further. I meet many other people volunteering all who had been positively transformed in some way by the woods and the work completed on site. The monthly volunteer days, help make the woods a community asset, enjoyed by many. I really hope the amazing work carried out by Doug can continue and that many other volunteers like myself can continue to be enriched by the site.



**Ella Sparks**



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Appeal By

MR DOUG KING-SMITH

Site Address

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South Brent  
Devon  
Grid Ref Easting: 271877  
Grid Ref Northing: 062264

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#### ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

In what capacity do you wish to make representations on this case?

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What kind of representation are you making?

- Final Comments
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**YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE**

I, Emma Burleigh, support the appellant in appealing against the enforcement notices in cases 3146596 and 3140928, and against the refusal of prior notification for two forestry buildings for the drying of timber and storage of machinery in case 3146597.

(re: The Hillyfield, Land Lying South of Harbournford: Hillyfield Plantation and Tom's Brake, South Brent, Devon)

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#### ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

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#### ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

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#### ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

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#### ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

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## YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

Having lived in the area for thirty years I can say with confidence that the service that hilly field provides as a communal focus point is absolutely invaluable. There does not exist anything similar in its social benefit to the local and wider community. It is also clear that there is a genuine and viable agroforestry business in operation on the land. I personally intend to purchase structural timber for use in local construction and both myself and my customers appreciate the benefits this brings. I have only experienced positive change to the land and area during the time that it has been in the current ownership. It is also clear that diversification of land use is the only way to maintain a working community in the countryside. Please acknowledge the show of support that I know this appeal will generate. We all use, appreciate and wish to continue being involved with this place and the good work being done. Thank you.

1) Appeal Reference number APP/J9497/C/16/3146596, 3146597, and 3140928

2)The Hillyfield, Land Lying South of Harbournford: Hillyfield Plantation and Tom's Brake, South Brent, Devon

3)I, (your name), of (your address)

support the appellant in appealing against the enforcement notices in cases 3146596 and 3140928, and against the refusal of prior notification for two forestry buildings for the drying of timber and storage of machinery in case 3146597.

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#### SENDER DETAILS

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#### ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

In what capacity do you wish to make representations on this case?

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#### **YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE**

I, Julia Duthie, of 18 Crossways, Cornwood, support the appellant in appealing against the enforcement notices in cases 3146596 and 3140928, and against the refusal of prior notification for two forestry buildings for the drying of timber and storage of machinery in case 3146597. I have visited Hillyfield and was truly inspired to see a working local forestry business. It is vital that local businesses such as this receive planning support so that they can thrive.

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#### ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

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**YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE**

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The Hillyfield, Land Lying South of Harbournford: Hillyfield Plantation and Tom's Brake, South Brent, Devon

I, Alexandra Skinner, of 57 Trescobeas Road, support the appellant in appealing against the enforcement notices in cases 3146596 and 3140928, and against the refusal of prior notification for two forestry buildings for the drying of timber and storage of machinery in case 3146597.

I am a Forest School leader and am extremely concerned about the loss of biodiversity that is occurring due to woodlands that are not managed. I work in neglected woodlands and am saddened that their potential for improving the woodland ecology and being a community resource is often not being met. Hillyfield is an inspirational project, and one which is an important model for woodland ownership in the South West. It demonstrates how woodlands can be managed for the benefit of the local economy, the local community and for the precious flora and fauna within it.

I strongly believe that Hillyfield should be granted permission for the wood-drying barn and the machinery store which they need to run a small-scale sustainable rural business. It is crucial that they have the infrastructure needed to run their business, without it how should they be expected to be financially sustainable? The people involved at Hillyfield are trying their utmost to make their impacts sensitive to the natural environment; this cannot be said for many businesses and developments in the South West.

Instead of blocking their path, we should be supporting Hillyfield to be successful. Please allow them to be a model for sustainable woodland management for the benefit of all.

Yours sincerely  
Alexandra Skinner



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#### ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

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**YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE**

Hi I want to make an appeal for Ref: APP/J9497/C/16/3146596, 3146597, and 3140928  
The Hillyfield, Land Lying South of Harbournford: Hillyfield Plantation and Tom's Brake, South Brent,  
Devon  
I, Helena Weaver or flat 1, 88 High St, Totnes, tq95sn  
support the appellant in appealing against the enforcement notices in cases 3146596 and 3140928,  
and against the refusal of prior notification for two forestry buildings for the drying of timber and  
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#### SENDER DETAILS

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#### ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

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**YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE**

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Regarding The Hillyfield, Land Lying South of Harbournford: Hillyfield Plantation and Tom's Brake, South Brent, Devon

I, Jay Tompt, of 7 Somerset Place, Totnes, Devon, fully support the appellant in appealing against the enforcement notices in cases 3146596 and 3140928, and against the refusal of prior notification for two forestry buildings for the drying of timber and storage of machinery in case 3146597. The project adds to the biodiversity and stewardship of the woodland. It is located in the margin of the park next to the motorway and fits perfectly with the surroundings.

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#### ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

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**YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE**

To whom it may concern,

Re: Appeal Reference number APP/J9497/C/16/3146596, 3146597, and 3140928. The Hillyfield, Land Lying South of Harbourneford: Hillyfield Plantation and Tom's Brake, South Brent, Devon

I, Verran Townsend, of 30 Copland Meadows, Totnes, TQ9 6ER support the appellant in appealing against the enforcement notices in cases 3146596 and 3140928, and against the refusal of prior notification for two forestry buildings for the drying of timber and storage of machinery in case 3146597.

I have visited The Hillyfield many times as a volunteer and to enjoy the wonderful atmosphere of the gatherings held there. It is a shining example of a small sustainable commercial firewood and timber supply business that also deeply cares for its environment, and goes to the trouble of sharing this passion through educational events and training sessions with what is now a large community of visitors.

Please grant permission for the wood-drying barn to enable the continuation of their timber business, which in turn will enable the continuation of their other work which enriches the lives of so many.

Linked to this, please also grant permission for the other essential structures that enable them to support this activity namely the temporary wood stores, the lorry based tool store, the workshop, the compost loos, caravans and yurt and the field kitchen.

If you require any further information from me please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Verran Townsend