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Appeal By

MR DOUG KING-SMITH

Site Address

The Hillyfield
Hillyfield Plantation, Land Lying South of Harbourneford
South Brent
Devon
Grid Ref Easting: 271877
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YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

I used to be a resident of the hamlet Harbourneford where The Hillyfield lies behind the first houses sheltering these from the noise and fumes of the A38.

The Hillyfield is a beautiful piece of land, the owners are very welcoming and inspire community through developing their truly sustainable woodland business.

To help reuse and recycle the wood from the many trees they had to cut down and thus to help insure a future of the Hillyfields staying such a valuable space, they urgently need a barn to store the wood and to continue managing the land.

Having known the land and the Hamlet and it's residents for the past 10 years more harm would be done by not supporting the Hillyfield. The little they ask for should in no way be obstructed as the land and the way it is managed now are such a positive contribution to the Hamlet and the wider community.

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I have known Doug and Clare for about seven years and visited them at the Hillyfield several times, mostly as a volunteer helping to clear the trees and assist in the Larch felling a couple of years ago. I can say hand on heart they are authentic in their desire to see the Hillyfield turned in to productive use, so that it prospers rather than declines and so goes to waste. We need such hard working curators of the countryside as custodians, who are willing to do the work and get their hands dirty. But such work comes at a cost, so they need to be allowed to provide basic structures to carry out this work in my opinion.

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YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

Since Doug King Smith has owned and managed the land at Hillyfield he has provided an extremely valuable community resource in the form of education, social gatherings and a small local business providing firewood and sawn timber from the sustainable woodland. The project at Hillyfield is positive in many ways and both myself and my family have benefited from it.

The few temporary structures present on the land are necessary for its management and are unobtrusive and invisible from anywhere other than on the land itself.

It's good that this piece of land is being used in such a positive way and I recommend that it be allowed to continue. Doug is providing an invaluable resource for the local community and future generations . It would be a great shame to see this stopped. With the many social problems we are faced with today it is positive and heart warming to see and experience the project at Hillyfield; it offers the hope that we and future generations may reconnect once more with our land which is our basic human right.

Thankyou for considering this

Yours faithfully

Andy Davidson

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Mr and Mrs Warburton

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We have visited the Hillyfield project on many occasions and have always found the ethical and sustainable practices to be exemplary. We and our children have enjoyed both community gatherings and educational workshops related to the woodlands.

As off grid community dwellers ourselves with 22 acres of woodland to manage sustainably we understand the challenges that the Hillyfield faces and offer full support as they so obviously benefit the environment, community, and rural economy.

Knowing the Hillyfield well, their aims and aspirations, we recommend that they should be granted the permissions to enable them to carry out the valuable work that they have begun to establish.

We are aware of the entire list of permissions needed and wholeheartedly support them all believing them to be absolutely necessary to run a successful small scale sustainable forestry business.

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With respect to Appeal Reference numbers APP/J9497/C/16/3146596, 3146597, and 3140928, at The Hillyfield, Land Lying South of Harbournford: Hillyfield Plantation and Tom's Brake, South Brent, Devon. I, Ben Bailey, of Flat 2 Trecarrell House, Carthew Terrace, St Ives, 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 personal experience that the Hillyfield woodland project is benefitting the local community. They run community event days, education days, and provide a real connection between log source, product and customer. They should be granted permission for the wood-drying barn and the machinery store to continue their part in enhancing the rural economy and benefitting a large part of the community of the South Hams. Their work has been shown to benefit the ecosystem as well, and in no way does any of their activities or structures degrade the local area. As a genuine, sustainable, and community based forestry business, this should be a priority to preserve and hold up as a model of community and ecological enhancement that underpins the rural economy.

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Dir Sir / Madam,

I am contacting you in reference to Appeal Reference number APP/J9497/C/16/3146596, 3146597, and 3140928 in connection with The Hillyfield, Land Lying South of Harbourneford: Hillyfield Plantation and Tom's Brake, South Brent, Devon

I, Angus Ogilvy-Stuart, of The Dairy, Tristford Barns, Harberton Devon 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 believe that woodlands should be well managed to for the future health and sustainability of the Dartmoor National Park. Having read page 11 of the Core policy Dartmoor National Park Authority Local Development Framework: Core Strategy Development Plan Document 2006 - 2026 Adopted Version June 2008, it states:

Priority 1 is Landscape and environment - To protect the special qualities and natural beauty of the Dartmoor National Park.

Priority 3 - Biodiversity - To conserve, protect and enhance the habitats and aquatic and terrestrial biodiversity.

Priority 6 - Land resources to concentrate and diversify development by optimising the use of previously developed land, infrastructure, under-used land and vacant properties

The removal of these barns would have a detrimental effect on this woodland being well managed as it prevents their being any chance of it being self sustaining. To date the woodlands have been well run and have engaged well with the local community. I particularly enjoyed taking part in an event hosted by the woodland owner where my children have planted some native tree species which will continue to grow for centuries to come

I sincerely urge you to consider the appellants case.

Yours sincerely

Angus Ogilvy-Stuart

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Re-APP/J9497/C/16/3146596, 3146597, 3140928

The Hillyfield, Land lying south of Harbournford, Hillyfield Plantation & Tom's Brake.

I, James Dyson of 24 Corn Park, South Brent, Devon, TQ10 9DG; support the appellant in appealing against the enforcement notices in cases 3146596 & 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 fully supportive of the Hillyfield's work to take a neglected Dartmoor woodland and manage it as a forestry business producing good quality locally produced timber. This work is fully compliant with the Dartmoor DMD policy on many grounds. Particularly

supporting locally based economy. Dartmoor is desperate for forward thinking initiatives that aim to increase employment and create economic activity in this case of a previously untapped resource. Managing woodlands to renovate semi natural ancient woodland, thereby increasing biodiversity and furthering preservation of Dartmoor's unique character.

Increasing community strengthening activities while providing education and training in Woodland management and forestry practices again with a potential to create additional economic activity in DNP.

I urge you to accept the Timber drying barn and machinery shed as permitted development for a Forestry operation. The Hillyfield is attempting to build the infrastructure to enable an economically viable forestry business. Drying timber and firewood is essential to commercial sustainability of the Hillyfield in order to add value primary processed timber. This is a standard forestry technique which potentially enables smaller scale operations to succeed in a business which is dominated by comparably huge forestry operations elsewhere in the UK and is in competition with overseas forestry business which again accrues massive economies of scale.

Additionally the machinery store is surely permitted development for a standard forestry operation. It provides security to prevent financial loss and keeping machinery undercover reduces depreciation which again helps prevent financial loss. Given tight margins it is essential to reduce necessary long term expenditure.

I also urge you to throw out the enforcement notices that have been issued seemingly as a result of the Hillyfield filing appeal. In the absence of the two permitted structures applied for the Hillyfield need all the temporary structures they have on site. Even with the two desired structures the operation would still need such essentials as the field kitchen, the compost toilets, seasonal temporary accommodation that is a caravan and an erected when needed yurt. These are essential for forestry workers comfort and for hygiene purposes and again helps reduce costs.

DNPA policy should be supporting this initiative as it meets so many of their own policies. The Hillyfield is actively seeking ways to support long term sustainability of Dartmoor National Park both as a National Park of unique biological and industrial heritage and as a vibrant place with an active diverse community. Whereas DNPA, whose DMD policies purport to support such aims such and yet does little to achieve any positive results. In fact these enforcement notices and the refusal of the permitted development will drive the Hillyfield business into bankruptcy leaving the Woodland unmanaged (leading to loss of biodiversity and allowing encroachment of weed species) and inaccessible to the local community who at present have access through Hillyfield own volunteer days and open days and for Harbournford residents by informal agreement from the Hillyfield owners. The community involved in its management will lose the educational and recreational benefit of their Woodland surroundings. In this age of ill health associated with lack of exercise, isolation and overload of technological influence projects like the Hillyfield offer a zero cost (to the public purse) positive contribution to salving these ills.

Please uphold this appeal and stop DNPA quashing what is a valuable contribution to sustainable land management and sustainable community resilience.

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YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

I have known the applicant Doug King Smith for many years. I have volunteered on the Hillyfield, planting trees. It is my sincere belief that the Hillyfield is a genuine forestry business. I am aware that a wood drying barn would be the next logical step in developing the business and hope that permission is granted.

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I, Daniel Marcus Clark, of 22 Fore Street, Buckfastleigh, TQ11 0BT 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, Jai Caorthann, of Stansfeld Outdoor Centre, Quarry Rd, Oxford, OX38SB 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 fantastic example of a small forestry business that supports and encourages the local community of Dartmoor. I have spent time working there as a seasonal forest worker myself, and know first hand how important all aspects of the Hillyfield are to its effective operation as a small scale rural business. I believe the Dartmoor National Park should be doing more to encourage such great ventures as the Hillyfield that have very minimal impact on the local community and national park.

All aspects of The Hillyfield are vital for its effective running as a small woodland business and community interest.

The wood barn and machine store is vital for keeping important aspects of the business out of the weather, and I believe planning should be approved for this too. Similarly;

The temporary wood-stores are needed to dry firewood and planks before sale. The tool lorry is needed to keep tools safe and dry. The workshop is needed to fix tools, sharpen saws and work out of the rain. The compost loos are needed for obvious reasons, are the least intrusive solution, and beneficial for compost for orchard and soft-fruit. The caravans and yurt are needed for seasonal forest workers, reducing environmental impact and impracticalities of coming to site every day. The field kitchen is needed for volunteer days and seasonal forest workers.

Please consider a U-Turn in your attitude towards The Hillyfield and similar sites, they are huge assets to the National Park and County, and should be encouraged to prosper as small, local businesses. It provides no visual eyesore, the structures are in keeping with the land and its ethos matches that of sustainability and local sourcing that we all need to aim for. If this is not in keeping with a National Park then something big is wrong, and not The Hillyfield!

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

3)I, Gaeron Kayley of 11 Clyst Valley Rd ,Clyst St Mary Exeter EX51DD 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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APP/J9497/C/16/3146596

Appeal By

MR DOUG KING-SMITH

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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.

I am very keen to support the Hillyfield woodland for the following reasons:

- It has been my supplier of fire wood for domestic use for the last 5 years, a reliable and professional service. It has also supplied me with timber for construction at my home address. It is a dynamic forward thinking woodland and timber business that deserves to be supported especially by the national park as a centre of excellence as a rural sustainable business.

- in addition to this the sustainable ethos of the business and the particular focus on reviving and developing the bio-diversity of the woodland make The Hilly field a leading light in the area. I have been involved as a volunteer working in the wood since 2010 and I have seen how Doug King-Smith has been working very hard to improve a woodland that was not originally in a great state, with blanket plantations of Larch. He has been doing the essential work of returning the woodland to its mixed indigenous origin. This has of course included the compulsory felling of diseased Larch.

- Doug has gone about this in the most inspiring and creative way by involving a wide sweep of local people as volunteers and opening up the land for community activities.

- all the above are as I understand it completely in line with the aims and objectives of the national park. The resources that are needed to enable this enterprise to develop and prosper (which of course would be to the benefit of the park as well as the local community and the area as a whole) should be granted planning permission. These are particularly light weight and sensitive in the impact on the environment and the plans for working and storage buildings would not intrude in any way on the local population or the amenity of the area.

All the above demonstrate how the Hillyfield woodland is an enterprise that needs to be supported by the planning department and the national park. To stifle it's development would be an entirely negative move.

Yours Sincerely

David Holmes

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Appeal ref. no. APP/J9497/C16/3146596, 3146597, 3140928

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

I, Laurie Joyce, of 2 Georgian Flats, South St., Totnes, Devon TQ9 5DZ, 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 volunteered on the Hillyfield shortly after moving to Devon in 2010. Initially the work provided an opportunity to meet and make friends with like-minded individuals who cared for and were committed to looking after the natural environment. I soon realized however that more than just individuals, there was a whole network of skilled workers pooling their spare time and resources to support each other and the land. Eventually as I became more involved I learned woodland skills, management roles and from learning a new trade as a carpenter have gone on to work independently to help others in a variety of local projects.

Volunteering on Hillyfield was a deeply transformative experience, not just for my career as a local craftsman but for me as a person, through both the natural environment of Dartmoor and through this wonderfully inspired network of professionals. I feel indebted to what Doug, Claire and the land have given me and feel strongly that they should be able to continue their mission to transform and protect this piece of our future.

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YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

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

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

Dear Inspector of planning,

As an 'Interested person' living in Harbourneford and in the locality of the Hillyfield plantation and Tom's Brake, South Brent, Devon I would like to state the following that :

'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'

My family and I have lived in Harbourneford for nine years now and in South Brent since 1991, and I have lived in Dartington since 1975. I am very familiar with the woodlands in this area and appreciate how fragile and precious these environments are to the natural environment of Devon and to the people who are needed to effectively manage them. We all need to responsibly manage the natural resources that make up the fabric of any environment for the benefit of people living and working in them today and as a legacy for those who will in the future take on these responsibilities for those generations. The Hillyfield plantation and Tom's Brake are no different. They need people like Doug and Claire King Smith to manage the resources on their land so that their land is managed responsibly so that habitats are cherished and enhanced, so that effective programmes of management produce sustainable outcomes in terms of their environmental credentials, social responsibility and economic viability. These are modern 21st century principles. In order for these outcomes to be achieved the planning process needs to embrace Doug and Claire's energy and enthusiasm and see their role as a fantastic opportunity for true sustainable practice involving the local community and enhancing this by extending the reach to education and training and sustainable economic management. They too need to make a living from this valued and valuable resource. Hence it is essential that the Hillyfield plantation and Tom's brake be managed as part of sustainable Forestry use. To achieve this it seems obvious that wood will need to be stored on the site so that it can season and be ready for further processing and sale. The construction of two forestry buildings for drying and storage of machinery is clearly an essential component for them to be able to manage the woodland effectively especially as the buildings would be placed unobtrusively in the old quarry. They will be out of sight. It strikes me that any objection to this is simply ridiculous.

I am aware that Doug and Claire have fully embraced the opportunities to offer training and educational courses using the woodland resources. It has been a real joy to see young people walking through the hamlet and talking with them about the work in the woods. Sadly I have not directly attended any of the courses offered but I am familiar with the woodland sites and really think the impact of what they are doing is perfectly acceptable. There is a real sense of purpose and direction in the woodland with a small scale and sustainable resolve. My wife and I both teach and the opportunities that environments like Hillyfield offer to the broadening of people's experiences are vast. Indeed they should be encouraged to continue with their project.

In this vane, Doug and Claire have made every attempt to relieve any access pressures in the Hamlet. The new access path has removed the need to drive through the Hamlet and the work on this access path is clearly designed to be sensitive to the local aesthetic of the rural fringe of Dartmoor. Indeed the views from this top lane are stunning and will now be enjoyed by far more people using it as access. This benefit was not available before.

Doug showed my wife and I around the site a couple of weeks ago. This was my request and not initiated by Doug. He described the features of the woodland and how he has managed the site to date. It was awe inspiring. I don't recognise what the objections can be. It is a small scale community based process. Doug did explain that there were concerns about a small caravan being left on site but its removal would be completely impractical and unnecessary. Where would it be stored? Its' location in the valley was unobtrusive and could not be construed as doing any harm. Doug has 'constructed' compost toilets which help to sympathetically and sustainably cater for the needs of people working in the woods as well as modest kitchen facilities. We should be encouraging these facilities. They don't harm anyone and indeed are environmentally sustainable. A chemical loo surely is not recommended here!

I do not know Doug that well and I am not being corralled into supporting the Hillyfield and Tom's brake project. I have recognised what a genuine and sincere advocate of sustainable practice he and Claire are. I am a free thinking man who wants to support Doug and Claire in their desire to make a positive impact on the local environment, the local community and economy and the broader aims of educating and training so that we all can benefit from important environments like Hillyfield for people today and in the future. I believe that the Inspector is wrong to refuse the permission for a wood-drying barn for their business, and wrong to refuse the machinery store to protect their tools. I think you are wrong to enforce against the modest structures in the woods that have an essential role in supporting, on a small scale, the people who work and care for the woods.

Please reconsider your position with regard to this planning application.

Yours sincerely

Malcolm Clark

I write this letter as representative of my Family who all support Doug and Claire's desire to manage the woodland at Hillyfield and Tom's brake effectively as outlined in this letter.

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YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

I have had the pleasure of visiting Hillyfield on many occasions both as a volunteer worker and to simply enjoy the tranquil and beautiful setting

I have always been impressed by the total dedication of the owners to the cause of turning a much neglected area of woodland into a resource which will be an economic benefit to future generations, the local community and the wider environment.

The enforced removal of all larch trees due to disease completely changed the owner's original plans for a phased and gradual timber harvesting and replanting process. Over the past few years a full scale logging operation has taken place requiring heavy machinery and temporary forestry workers to live there.

Temporary accommodation, field kitchen facilities, timber storage sheds and machinery stores are all essential to this process. Furthermore the owners rely heavily on large numbers of volunteers on volunteer days. These people need feeding, sheltered rest areas and field toilets. Without these facilities many fewer would be willing to attend.

The nature of the terrain makes this site virtually invisible from the outside. Unless you enter the site and travel around quarter of a mile down the track you would not know there are any man-made structures present. I have often looked when passing on the nearby A38 and have never spotted anything. This is the only view most people will ever get of the site.

Most of the machinery is stored in an old quarry which is totally screened by the man made cliff face and trees. As the quarry which is an entirely man made former industrial feature within the landscape it seems to me exceptionally perverse to now argue that using it as a storage area somehow detracts from the natural beauty of the site.

As a former military officer I have a trained eye for concealment of equipment and shelters in a rural landscape and have been impressed by the efforts of the owners to site the caravans carefully. They have even gone to the extreme of camouflaging them with woodland green paint. The earth closets are works of environmental genius which would do credit military field engineers. They are definitely much less obtrusive than brightly covered portaloos which would be the alternative.

If the site was on an open hillside and the temporary structures visible for miles I could understand there being objections. However this is simply not the case.

Furthermore the owners are totally committed to improving the environment and creating woodland that will be economically sustainable.

For all the aforementioned reasons this appeal should be upheld

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YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

As someone who is a regular visitor to the Dartmoor National Park area (and other National Parks), I am a great supporter of businesses and projects which aim to promote environmental and economic sustainability. The Hillyfield is such a business.

Mr King-Smith's personal and business ethos is in line with that of the national parks movement in that he aims to preserve and enhance our natural environment for the benefit of all. However, to do so, requires an amount of limited and sustainable development so that the effective woodland, orchard and land management can continue. For example, it would be ironic (and would have a negative environmental impact) if the tools, seasonal staff and volunteers required to run such a business, had to be transported in daily from miles away, rather than be housed on-site! This is what would need to happen if permission for the planned sustainable developments were refused and the existing such developments removed from the site. Moreover, the sustainability of the woodland would itself be put at significant risk, which is hardly in the interests of the National Park and its community. Therefore, there is clearly a reasonable business need for the existing sustainable buildings against which the Dartmoor National Park Authority is wishing to take enforcement action against.

The nature of the Hillyfield site ensures that any such buildings have no undue visual impact on the environment and therefore the National Park Authority's decision is hard to reconcile against such a criterion. In fact, there is clear evidence that if the site were to be developed in-line with Mr King-Smiths medium-term business plan, it would provide a long-term environmentally sustainable woodland management and community education resource which would enhance both the environment and employment and leisure opportunities for local people and national park visitors alike.

The business also aims to provide locally sourced and environmentally sustainable timber products for sale to the local community. Such a business can only be of benefit, both economically and environmentally.

It is therefore imperative that such a business is supported to develop rather than be left to the mercy of bureaucratic box-ticking by National Park officials who appear to have little understanding of the nature of such a business and community resource.

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YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

Dear Sir or Madam,

I just submitted my letter of support for Mr King-Smith and the Hillyfield application. Reference 21060518 - 117018.

At the end I ticked the box to say I am acting on behalf of an organization, but I think I should have ticked 'No', as I am not acting on behalf of the National Trust, which is a national organization, but in my own professional capacity as a local land manager with an interest in supporting a local supplier. Please amend my earlier submitted form accordingly.

Yours,

Nick Allison

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To whom this may concern,

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

I, Olly Frankland, of 5 Laundry Cottages, Newton St Cyres, Exeter EX55BR 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.

Hillyfield has had a profound impact on me as a person. I have volunteered and attended the woodland to take part in the sustainable woodland management techniques that are practised. I have learnt skills and made contacts that would not have occurred without the existence of Hillyfield. As a relatively young person (29) I am keen to see our woodlands conserved and crucially sustainably managed for many generations to come. The only way of doing so is to allow organisations such as Hillyfield to make changes on the land to facilitate such techniques. Structures are required to make this possible.

45% of all privately owned woodlands are either in neglect or critically under-managed. This is directly linked to a significant loss of biodiversity as woodland management practices changed over the last 50 years. Increased demand for home grown timber is good for job creation, for local supply chains, for local and low carbon economies and for businesses. The amazing thing about stimulating the wood based economy is that it also results in havens for flora and fauna and great places to relax, enjoy and get healthy.

In the last 5 years at The Hillyfield - volunteers have invested over 26,000 hours of hard work.

They have planted 5 acres of new woodland. 420 meters of new hedgerow. Replanted a plantation on ancient woodland site with mixed broadleaf and coppice, and are ready to plant another 8 acres of woodland felled due to disease in the trees. That is a total of 7000 trees.

This would not have happened without shelter and other facilities. Planning authorities should be catalysing such schemes not restricting them.

For example a recent £1.1 million charity funded project is looking to support organisation similar to Hillyfield to grow and prosper <https://www.plunkett.co.uk/woodlands>

I would implore the planning inspectorate to see sense in this case and support the appellant. The Hillyfield is a genuine forestry business serving the local community by actively managing the woods and providing firewood and home-grown timber. This has many benefits for the environment, community, and rural economy.

Kind regards,

Olly Frankland

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My wife Lesley Austin and I 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. Mr King-Smith deserves the full support of the DNPA, not hindrance, in establishing a genuine forestry business which reaches out into the community and is trying to benefit the local rural economy and environment. What has been done so far, and what is planned, appears to have been done sensitively and in tune with the local environment and it is difficult to understand why obstacles have been put in the way of such enterprise and endeavour.

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APP/J9497/C/16/3146596

Appeal By

MR DOUG KING-SMITH

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YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

I have become aware of the problems that are facing Hillyfield with regards to planning issues. The contentious situation I understand to be the standing structures that are currently located within forest which do not have planning permission. I understand that these structures may be contravening the policy that the DNPA adhere to. As an individual who also tends to land, I can assure you that many of the structures in question are essential to allow an individual to operate, it is far-fetched to see how this would not be the case. In regards to extending the role to enable the safety and welfare of volunteers and workers, all structures that are not absolutely necessary for an individual are unquestionably required in this case. Doug King-Smith professionalism in both the business and the volunteer leadership and training aspect is absolutely inspiring - what he has achieved should be viewed as a credit the national park. He is exactly what we need when understanding the role of forestry, sustainability, community inclusion and will be ticking boxes many within other sections of the DNPA policy.

As a business owner and director of a community interest company - I understand Mr. King Smiths' model and I know what is required to fulfil the requirements of the forest, everything that he has in place is not an over-elaboration but simply a basic necessity. I fully appreciate the role of planning, regardless of the authority, though I feel in this case, the structures are not visible and not carbuncles on the landscape.

To summarise, these buildings are required to fulfil the model that Mr King Smith is working to and I don't believe there is any other possible option in this case, unless he expands massively and therefore would not have the same thoughtful approach to forestry and the attitude to how he goes about his timber business.

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I Ronald Klotz, of 98 Westonfields,
support the appellant in appealing against the enforcement notices in cases 3146596 and 3140928,
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YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

I am a local resident and have been an active participant as a volunteer worker at Hillyfield over the last three years, undertaking tasks such as tree planting, hedge management and scrub clearance. I have a particular interest in, and knowledge of, conservation management, having worked professionally in countryside management for 35 years, currently as Manager for the South Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and previously for The South Devon Heritage Coast Service, The Conservation Volunteers, the Groundwork Trust, and the Silvanus Trust.

I contend that the Hillyfield site is being sensitively managed and restored as a valuable habitat, landscape feature, community amenity and working woodland, after a long period of neglect, but that this can only be sustained if it is underpinned by a profitable and viable forestry enterprise. This is what the appellant is seeking to do, but it is essential that there are suitable facilities on site for storing equipment and produce, and facilities for site workers, in order that the wood can be managed properly. This is a well thought-out, integrated project, and could serve as a model of sustainable rural economic development. I strongly support the appellants in their aspirations, and urge the Inspector to allow the appeal.

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

3)I Sean Ferris

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 spent many days volunteering at the Hillyfield. Stacking, chopping and loading wood mostly but also helping with other volunteers and many other varied jobs. One thing I can honestly say is that Doug is passionate about making the Hillyfield a working woodland that not only provides firewood and timber but also experience in woodland management for a whole community. As far as I am concerned every structure that is on the land supports these endeavours. There has to be a place to dry timber it would be unthinkable not to have it as well as a place to store the machinery required for the business.

Each structure including the tool truck has its place. Without these how is the business that maintains the woodland supposed to run. As far as I can see it is nigh on impossible for anyone to see these structures from outside the Hillyfield itself.

It is people like Doug and places like the Hillyfield that bring a dying landscape back to life despite a certain fear-based philosophy which seeks to stifle this work.

I totally support the appeal and wish them all success. The Dartmoor National Park Association slide ever further down in my estimation being heavy handed yet again. Surely it is they that should be under review for being heavily subjective and biased against forward thiking endeavours.

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YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

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

I write in 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 also very important to me, my family and friends as our primary way of being within and enjoying the splendour and magic of Dartmoor. Through it we have a chance to not only be with the land, but also to understand some of the essential woodland management strategies that go into protecting valuable woodland.

From what I understand, the firewood business is not only an essential part of the activities necessary for the project to continue, but provides high demand ecologically sustainable fuel for the surrounding area. The managers and volunteers of the Hillyfield have had to fell so much timber to comply with terrific demands in relation to tree disease, a service vital to the local, national and wider ecological community. This timber is an opportunity for the Hillyfield volunteers, families and locals to benefit from such a difficult period and continue vital services.

A variety of structures and machinery are required to sustain this important business, including

- 1) The temporary wood-stores (needed to dry firewood and planks before sale)
- 2) The tool lorry (needed to keep tools safe and dry)
- 3) The workshop (needed to fix stuff and sharpen saws and work out of the rain)
- 4) The compost loos (needed to... and beneficial for compost for orchard and soft-fruit)
- 5) The caravans and yurt (needed for seasonal forest workers)
- 6) The field kitchen (needed for volunteer days and seasonal forest workers)

Finding the Hillyfield has opened my eyes to the complexity, beauty and dynamism of Dartmoor National Park. I realise the important need to preserve the Park, but in my experience this must mean supporting land management projects that can sustain the dynamic relationship necessary for its long term preservation. Restricting activity means walking away from a long history of active land management that has generated and perpetuated a unique and precious environment.

I, and so many others, want to participate in this rewarding and sustainable relationship. These structures and machinery are essential to this.

Yours faithfully,

Thomas Lloyd Rickard

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

I Stephen Coaker, of 29 Fernhill Close, Ivybridge, Devon PL219JE, 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 support the appellant in appealing because the buildings are required for the appellant to be able to do his work.

The lack of dry storage is causing significant hardship to him. I feel the site has no visual impact on the area as it is in a secluded valley and cant be seen from the outside.

The appellant has also recently invested £40,000 in a new access road to further lessen the impact of the site on its neighbours.

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Land Lying South of Harbournford: Hillyfield Plantation and Tom's Brake, South Brent, Devon
I, Thomas Pinches, of Flat 1, Bridge House, Kingsbridge Lane, Ashburton, 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 worked for Doug King-Smith and his forestry business at above mentioned location, including felling, extraction and processing of timber.

The UK has suffered massive losses to its woodland biodiversity over the last century, accelerating in the last few decades. A significant cause of this decline, is the cessation of woodland management, especially small-scale management of deciduous woods. Much of the structural diversity that arises from historic practices such as coppicing has been lost in the face of industrial-scale forestry. The management that is being carried out at the above mentioned location is precisely the kind of management that would help reverse the decline of woodland biodiversity. Moreover, it is continuing with historic and culturally significant practices and encouraging the learning of rural skills that are at risk of being lost. The Hillyfield and its associated activities are beneficial for wildlife, the local economy and the local community.

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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 have helped out many times at the Hillyfield at the volunteer weekends. I have found it really inspiring too see so many people coming together and working together on the land. I think that this is an incredibly important project in protecting an Ancient woodland and getting it back into working order. I have been helping out with planting trees, which I think is such an important thing too be doing and when I finished working on the land I left the woods.

Our woodlands are very much in the decline and in a very bad way. So by increasing peoples awareness of it will help to prevent this issue I think. People coming together on the land is such an important part of life for me and the Hillyfield is such a beautiful place too be able to do it.

As a gardener I use the Hillyfield timber as I try to be as sustainable as i can with my business. It doesnt get any more local for me being based in Totnes than the Hillyfield. It greatly reduces the transport moving timber around from Europe and keeps helps keep the number of lorries on the road down.

The Hillyfield I think is invaluable to the area and to help in retaining some of our ancient woodlands.