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I have 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.

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.

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 the temporary structures on this site should be allowed to remain

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It has shocked me to hear of the difficulties that the The Hillyfield has been facing, not just now, but for many years. I have had many discussions with Mr Doug King-Smith about his aims for this very beautiful part of Devon. However, when I first visited the land it showed years of neglect. Valuable crystal rocks had been stolen, treasure hunters visited and the only occasional activity was to shoot the wildlife. The hard work and dedication that Doug King-Smith and his volunteers have put into transforming the land and regenerating the woods started before they had to deal with two attacks of larch disease. Instead of helping them, the authorities have consistently denied all requests. Yet The Hillyfield was awarded second place only to the National Trust at the Devon Show for its sensitive work. I have visited at all times of the year and have never heard nor seen a sign of activity from anywhere else, either close by, or up on Dartmoor. All activity has been kept low key and those who have been volunteering to help stay in what I understand to be permitted dwellings - temporary or wheeled. The volunteers' tent where they prepare food is essential for them to sustain the work in all weathers. To object to compost toilets seems an anachronism. It would be difficult to find a group of people more dedicated to caring for the environment, and indeed for their fellow humans. I have been impressed at the educational projects they carry out, from young children to older people. Their aim is to teach a sensitivity to the land. But how could anyone be expected to manage woodland without being able to profit from the wood once it is felled? I have seen the temporary buildings. They are small and sympathetic with the land, hidden in a quarry which has always been used for visiting vehicles etc. Clearly, in the wettest part of Devon, there must be somewhere to dry wood instead of allowing it to rot. If this Appeal fails, what future will there be for small woodland regeneration projects in Dartmoor.

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I have visited the Hillyfield on many occasions and have deeply appreciated all the activities taking place there. Sustainable woodland management is crucial for the UK – one of the least wooded countries in the EU – and the Hillyfield does a great job of reskilling and educating people. We badly need mixed woodlands to mitigate climate change and provide us with timber as well as other local and natural products, to enhance biodiversity and help wildlife, to help rural economies and communities, to promote crafts, to help us connect more with nature – bringing health and psychological benefits to all.

I believe the Hillyfield is an excellent and very well run small-scale rural forestry business providing firewood and timber for the local community, which should be granted permission for the wood-drying barn and the machinery store it needs to operate. It requires the wood stores, tool store or lorry, workshop space, compost loos, light accommodation for seasonal workers (caravans and yurt) and the field kitchen for the volunteer days and seasonal workers.

This beautiful and very sensitively managed site is deeply appreciated by all who have spent some time there volunteering, reskilling and benefitting from community-enhancing days outdoors. It can't be seen anywhere public so not only does it not intrude onto the Dartmoor National Park but it is a wonderful asset to the area, a powerful exemplar of sustainability, resilience and ecological wisdom.

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I Melanie Sanders of The Old Hall Cottage Harberton support the appellant in appealing against the enforcement notices in cases 3146596 and 3140928, and against the refusal of prior notification for the two forestry buildings for the drying of timber and storage of machinery in case 3146597.

Hillyfield is a small scale business that cares for and protects the land, to run the business that is a result of caring for the land requires forestry buildings, one for the drying of timber and one to store the machinery without which the business could not run. The buildings are sustainably built and non invasive to the landscape. The buildings are not visible from any public land. I feel that it is important to support small scale local business and that Hillyfield offers superb opportunities for many people to get involved and learn about land and forestry management and skills.

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Have known Hillyfield since it was bought and seen the hard work and transformation in reviving the neglected woods. The felling of diseased larch has been epic. Without which the disease would spread. Woods need to be nurtured to enable renewal and growth keeping it healthy. Woods left to their own devices quickly become overgrown, nature has a way of reclaiming its own. To see these woods working and providing Dartmoor with renewable energy and wildlife habitats is so much better than stagnation. To enable these woods to work (they are not big enough for industrial output) there is a need for storage for timber and tools. For a safe environment for visitors there needs to be compostable latrines and cover from Devon's weather. Dartmoor has been a vibrant living, working community over the centuries and needs young people coming in with dedication to ensure it continues in a healthy, viable and sustainable way for the future.

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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

Name

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#### ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

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#### YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

Have known Hillyfield since it was bought and seen the hard work and transformation in reviving the neglected woods. The felling of diseased larch has been epic. Without which the disease would spread. Woods need to be nurtured to enable renewal and growth keeping it healthy. Woods left to their own devices quickly become overgrown, nature has a way of reclaiming its own. To see these woods working and providing Dartmoor with renewable energy and wildlife habitats is so much better than stagnation. To enable these woods to work (they are not big enough for industrial output) there is a need for storage for timber and tools. For a safe environment for visitors there needs to be compostable latrines and cover from Devon's weather. Dartmoor has been a vibrant living, working community over the centuries and needs young people coming in with dedication to ensure it continues in a healthy, viable and sustainable way for the future.

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#### SENDER DETAILS

Name

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#### ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

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#### YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

I Melanie Sanders of The Old Hall Cottage Harberton support the appellant in appealing against the enforcement notices in cases 3146596 and 3140928, and against the refusal of prior notification for the two forestry buildings for the drying of timber and storage of machinery in case 3146597.

Hillyfield is a small scale business that cares for and protects the land, to run the business that is a result of caring for the land requires forestry buildings, one for the drying of timber and one to store the machinery without which the business could not run. The buildings are sustainably built and non invasive to the landscape. The buildings are not visible from any public land. I feel that it is important to support small scale local business and that Hillyfield offers superb opportunities for many people to get involved and learn about land and forestry management and skills.

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#### SENDER DETAILS

Name

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TQ9 5QU

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#### SENDER DETAILS

Name

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#### SENDER DETAILS

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#### ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

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#### YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

The Hilly field is a wonderful community project. It is educational and it also provides a focus for sustainable community involvement. In addition it is able to fund itself through sustainable harvesting of wood, and to this end equipment is needed, including a drying barn. All activities that take place are with a view to sustainably maintaining and managing the land, including providing a habitat for wild life. A large number of local people of all ages are involved and the project provides enjoyment and outdoor education for all. The loss of this project would be a tragedy.

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#### SENDER DETAILS

Name

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TOTNES  
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#### ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

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#### YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

I have been fortunate enough to visit this lovely place on several occasions. I have benefitted from being able to spend some time volunteering planting trees. As a local resident I have also bought my winter wood fuel from the Hillyfield, minimising road miles for my essential winter warmth. I fully support this project and firmly believe that the wood drying stores and tool stores are essential to enable the correct infrastructure to manage this site and generate an income to care for it properly. The project has community support and as a volunteer the compost loo and small field kitchen enabling some warm soup, a dry place for a cuppa are essential. The site is not overlooked by anyone and I can't see how it would have any impact on Dartmoor National Park other than to be a benefit. I sincerely hope that the appeals committee have the common sense to see that as well. I visited the site recently to check for myself what was there and was delighted that my godchildren were able to play freely in the open air in a safe place, paddle in the stream, learn more about nature and even watch grasshoppers hatching.

Clearly the site needs to be looked after which requires money and time, volunteers are prepared to give their time and the forestry products generate an income making it sustainable. Please allow this small genuine community project to continue and spend your time, resources and effort on applications which are destroying the environment rather than those like this which are seeking to preserve and enhance it. Many thanks

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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

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

I, Gill Coombs, of 4 Woodland Close, Staverton TQ9 6PQ 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 is a fantastic business in many ways. It benefits the environment and community, as well as providing much-needed education in trades beneficial for environment, wellbeing and mental health. It is a role model enterprise, well known in the broader community for the inspirational good work carried out there.

Clearly the Hillyfield needs its facilities to continue what is now a mature and thriving business, completely congruent with the surrounding landscape and working in harmony with the environment. I believe that the criteria being applied to this case are outdated and inappropriate, and that the Hillyfield gives both DNP and local planning an opportunity to demonstrate a willingness to proactively support dynamic and beneficial businesses such as this. I believe those running Hillyfield have a responsibility to ensure that their buildings and operations are visually and operationally harmonious with their surrounding landscape, and that this is being more than fulfilled.

I do hope that all concerned will find a creative response to this case rather than the destructive and constricting measures that are proposed.

All best wishes, Gill Coombs

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

I am writing to 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 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.

I think that they 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's the wood that pays that stays - How can The Hillyfield keep looking after the land if it cannot run a successful business and does not have the infrastructure it needs?

DNPA are enforcing against all the structures at Hillyfield - but surely there is an obvious forestry need for them:

- 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)

In no way does Hillyfield offer a visual intrusion on the park - it can't be seen from anywhere public and the structures are in keeping with the landscape and are built sensitively to make minimal impact. I fully support initiatives such as Hillyfield and believe it is high time that the government got on board and started to support them.

We need to bring woodlands back into active management, engage the community, and help develop a culture of wood on Dartmoor and throughout the UK.

Kind Regards,  
Izzy Brittain  
of 10 Town Hall Street,  
Sowerby Bridge,  
Halifax,  
HX6 2EA

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#### SENDER DETAILS

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## YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

To Whom it may concern,

I write to you in full support of the continued utilisation of The Hillyfield as a functional space. The land as it is used now provides the facilities to nourish and respect the terrain in ways that are only possible with certain amenities. This land has contributed to a range of useful activities & encourages communities to collaborate and share an interest in utilising beautiful outdoor spaces to foster growth in both a literal and metaphorical sense. I have always admired the care that Doug and his colleagues have taken with Hillyfields and believe they have done very important work over the past several years providing essential materials and preservation work.

I vote against the proposed restrictions and believe it will negatively impact the land and the community were it to be approved.

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**YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE**

At the Hillyfield they are doing important work for the sustainability and growth of the woodland. This needs to be acknowledged as vitally important work to conserve and protect the Dartmoor woodlands. Upholding a small business of selling sustainably sourced firewood and timber supports the management of these woods. To be supported as a local rural business for the benefit of both the environment and local community, I believe that the Hillyfield need to be granted permission to build a wood drying barn and machinery store. It is shortsighted to believe that these buildings will degrade the land or the natural beauty as they will be used to enhance and support the growth of the woodland. This is important for the business, for the woodland and for the management of Dartmoor for generations to come.

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#### SENDER DETAILS

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#### SENDER DETAILS

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MS BEA LEWIS

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#### ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

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## YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

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

I, Bea Lewis, of Sandwell Barns, Totnes, Devon TQ9 7LL, 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 volunteered at the Hillyfield on a number of occasions and I find working on the land a deeply nourishing experience, partly because when I work here I feel the care and love that has gone into the management of this woodland and how its natural landscape has been preserved as much as possible despite the felling of the larch. After working all day, the workers gather at the crew tent to share food, talk about the day and the work that needs to happen and to enjoy each other's company. This is an important part of the work here and I believe part of the success of the Hillyfield. It also seems ludicrous that a compost toilet isn't allowed on site. It is environmentally friendly, no nasty chemicals, in keeping with the environment and a basic necessity for the workers and volunteers.

I also purchase my firewood from the Hillyfield. It is reassuring to know that my wood is locally and sustainably sourced with minimal road miles to my door. I like that I can support local business, buy organically and ethically and be part of my local community. I have recently moved into the area and it is through Hillyfields that I have found, friendship, community and the opportunity to volunteer. If these enforcement notices go ahead it will be very difficult for Hillyfield to operate as it does now and many people in the community will be adversely affected.

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#### SENDER DETAILS

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#### SENDER DETAILS

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#### YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

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.

The Hillyfield should be granted permission for the wood-drying barn and the machinery store which we need to run a small-scale sustainable rural business.

We have had numeral lush walks on the woodland, family time and educational time.

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#### SENDER DETAILS

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## YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

It has shocked me to hear of the difficulties that the The Hillyfield has been facing, not just now, but for many years. I have had many discussions with Mr Doug King-Smith about his aims for this very beautiful part of Devon. However, when I first visited the land it showed years of neglect. Valuable crystal rocks had been stolen, treasure hunters visited and the only occasional activity was to shoot the wildlife. The hard work and dedication that Doug King-Smith and his volunteers have put into transforming the land and regenerating the woods started before they had to deal with two attacks of larch disease. Instead of helping them, the authorities have consistently denied all requests. Yet The Hillyfield was awarded second place only to the National Trust at the Devon Show for its sensitive work. I have visited at all times of the year and have never heard nor seen a sign of activity from anywhere else, either close by, or up on Dartmoor. All activity has been kept low key and those who have been volunteering to help stay in what I understand to be permitted dwellings - temporary or wheeled. The volunteers' tent where they prepare food is essential for them to sustain the work in all weathers. To object to compost toilets seems an anachronism. It would be difficult to find a group of people more dedicated to caring for the environment, and indeed for their fellow humans. I have been impressed at the educational projects they carry out, from young children to older people. Their aim is to teach a sensitivity to the land. But how could anyone be expected to manage woodland without being able to profit from the wood once it is felled? I have seen the temporary buildings. They are small and sympathetic with the land, hidden in a quarry which has always been used for visiting vehicles etc. Clearly, in the wettest part of Devon, there must be somewhere to dry wood instead of allowing it to rot. If this Appeal fails, what future will there be for small woodland regeneration projects in Dartmoor.

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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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#### YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

I feel passionate about Hillyfield. There is something immensely special and enriching about not only the land but also the work that Doug does there. I believe that Hillyfield is a genuine forestry business that provides the local community with wood that has so many benefits. I write with a huge sense of faith that you will grant permission for the wood drying barn and machinery store which is needed to run their small scale sustainable rural business. The land really is the most amazing land, and in order to keep looking after it, Doug needs YOUR HELP and compassion. There are things that they need, temporary wood-stores, The tool lorry, The work shop, The compost loos, The caravans and yurt needed to house the seasonal workers, and the field kitchen needed for volunteer days and seasonal forest workers. The land does not have a visual intrusion on the park it can't be seen anywhere public and structures are in keeping with the land scape. When I visited there, something special happened. Doug is one of the greatest men I have ever known and his fight to do the right thing by this land is testament to him and his dedication to the land.

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#### SENDER DETAILS

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## YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

I am writing to support Doug King-Smith and his forestry business at The Hillyfield. Since I met Doug in 2011, I have visited the land many times and participated in some of the wonderful community gatherings he and his wife Claire create that really bring the people of South Hams together. I learnt how to make a willow fence there (something as a former Londoner I never expected to do). I regularly buy The Hillyfield's free range eggs, knowing the chickens are well cared for in such a beautiful place. Doug has worked tirelessly to manage, maintain and improve the Hillyfield environment, bringing in many workers and volunteers to learn the forestry trade and providing firewood for the local community. I believe he and his team should absolutely be granted permission for the wood-drying barn and the machinery store which are surely vital in helping him to run a sustainable business - as are the workshop, compost loos, field kitchen, caravans and yurt for the workers and volunteers. These structures are not in any way obtrusive or detrimental to the environment, just a practical solution to supporting the business. Doug is an extremely hard worker and a valuable asset to Dartmoor and South Hams. I wholeheartedly support him in his appeal.

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#### SENDER DETAILS

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## YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

Application reference number APP/J9497/C/16/3146596

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APP/J9497/C/16/3140928

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

I, Joanna T Kennedy, of 3 Westonfields, Totnes, TQ9 5QT, support the appellant in appealing against the enforcement notices in cases 3146597 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 only visited the Hillyfield site twice, some years ago and I know Doug King-Smith slightly, although I am a good friend of his cousin, Lloyd Hutchinson, and have followed Mr King-Smith's progress with interest since then.

I am appalled that Mr King-Smith has been refused permission to build the facilities that will make his business viable. Mr King-Smith has poured his heart and soul into developing the Hillyfield project. He is a very genuine, hard working, community minded person and sees the site as being of benefit to the entire local community as well as a viable business. He is a talented wood carver and I know he has a genuine passion for managing the land well. As I understand it, he has made every effort to engage with and accommodate his neighbour's concerns and he wishes the site to be of benefit to the whole of the local community. I fear that the resistance he has met may have been more about unfounded fear and prejudice on the part of his neighbours, than any concrete issues. Both he and my friend Mr Hutchinson as well as many others have poured hundreds of unpaid hours into dealing with the phytophthora affected trees and it seems most unfair that he is not being allowed to salvage something from that disaster by being able to process the timber he was left with. I myself have had logs from the Hillyfield and have found them to be of very good quality.

Although Mr King-Smith has received a lot of voluntary support from friends and well wishers, that can't be relied on; he absolutely needs to run the site as a small business. I believe he should be allowed to make his business viable in order to better manage the woodland he cares for. I do not understand why he has been refused permission for his temporary buildings and I strongly urge you to review your decision in his favour.

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## YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

I am a regular visitor to Dartmoor and am clear that The Hillyfield is a forestry business that is entirely in keeping with the ecology of Dartmoor and is also highly beneficial to the environment, community and rural economy.

I request that you grant permission for the wood-drying barn and machinery store needed to run this small, sustainable rural business, so that The Hillyfield can continue to look after the land in the excellent and entirely sympathetic way that it does.

There is also an obvious need for Hillyfield to retain the temporary wood stores (needed to dry firewood and planks for sale), the tool lorry (needed to keep tools safe and dry), the workshop (needed for working in wet weather, repairs etc), the compost loos (also good for compost), the caravans and yurt (needed for seasonal workers) and the field kitchen (needed for volunteers and seasonal workers).

All of these basic facilities are built sensitively to cause minimal environmental impact and so that they are in keeping with the landscape and are unable to be seen from any public area.

The Hillyfield sets a very positive example in woodland management. Over just a few years, it has transformed the site from a neglected bit of land into an asset to everyone fortunate enough to experience it, where the landscape is enhanced and the biodiversity is being fostered, encouraged and is now blooming for the benefit of all. I'm sure you know the figures regarding new hedgerow and trees already planted and currently planned.

If you care for the natural beauty of Dartmoor and are at all interested in maintaining its natural eco-system and cultural heritage, I hope that you will allow The Hillyfield to keep all their facilities and continue with their excellent and inspiring woodland management which has the benefits of being sustainable, ecologically sound and financially and culturally beneficial.

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#### SENDER DETAILS

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#### YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

I have known the Hillyfield since before Doug King-Smith owned the land and I used to visit it frequently. In the years since Doug has owned the land and started managing it, I have seen it change from a neglected woodland, with diseased Larch, into a nurtured area of beauty and a thriving community project. Doug has spent several years now felling the diseased trees, day after day, over the winter months, and replanting the areas to create a healthy mixed woodland. It would be extremely difficult to continue this essential work without anyway to process the wood that is having to be felled and an area to dry and store it. All the necessary structures are low impact and cause no problems for the local community at Harbournford. Simple structures like compost toilets and shelter from the rain for lunch/tea break, are completely necessary when working day after day managing a woodland. Doug does nothing that isn't in keeping with nature and is only asking to have structures that make looking after this ancient and beautiful piece of land a possibility. With out these facilities I personally can't see how one could continue to work every day felling and re-planting trees....?

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**YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE**

I believe that Hillyfield is genuine forestry business. Doug manages the woodland sensitively, providing firewood for the local community and actively caring for the wood in a sustainable manner. I feel that this management is a benefit for the environment and that permission should be granted to build a wood-drying barn and machinery storage for the business to run.

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#### SENDER DETAILS

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- 1) 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, Nell Admiral, of 10 Heather Park, South Brent, TQ10 9PU  
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 wrote to you in 2013 detailing my involvement with the Hillyfield, and the important part it plays in local community, and in the lives of me and my two children. Please refer back to that letter for full details of how essential it is to us as residents of South Brent. I find it deeply disappointing that such an important local project, supporting both our woodland and local community, is once again the subject of such needless attack.

The Hillyfield is a genuine forestry business serving the local community by actively managing the woods and providing firewood and home-grown timber. I would have thought the benefit for the environment, community, and rural economy would be obvious, and something Dartmoor National Park Authority would support rather than hinder.

I firmly believe the Hillyfield should be granted permission for the wood-drying barn and the machinery store they need to run a small-scale sustainable rural business. It is essential to the success and continuation of such a worthwhile local business.

There is manifestly an essential forestry need for the following structures:

- 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)

In no way does it visually intrude on the park - it can't be seen from anywhere public and the structures are in keeping with the landscape and are built sensitively to make minimal impact.

I urge you very strongly to reconsider your opposition to these things, and allow the Hillyfield to continue what it works so very hard to do - sustainably managing the woodland and providing community focus, education and support.

Yours faithfully,

Nell Admiral

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**YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE**

I have visited the Hillyfield a number of times and have huge appreciation for the hard work and dedication that is taking place on the land. It would be an absolute travesty for this to come to an end and a huge set back for positive change in the community.

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#### SENDER DETAILS

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#### YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

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, Zoe Hudson, 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 would like it to be known that the Hillyfield Woodland Farm is a genuine forestry business, supplying me on several occasions with logs. They are also very active within the community, offering events and educational experiences to many people from the South Hams and beyond. They should be granted permission for the wood-drying barn and the machinery store in order that the good work they do should continue to benefit the local community and the ecology of the woodland.

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#### SENDER DETAILS

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**YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE**

I think the hilly field as a genuine forestry business and as a sustanable community project should be allowed storage buildings

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

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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 Grid Ref Northing: 062264

#### SENDER DETAILS

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#### ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

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## YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

Nicola Glassbrook  
51 Park Road. Exeter. EX1 2HT

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 support the appellant in appealing against the enforcement notice, and against refusal of prior notification for two forestry buildings for the drying of timber and storage of machinery'

Doug King-Smith has created a sustainable business, which has revitalized and invigorated a previously unmanaged piece of woodland. In particular he has felled diseased larch which he is replacing with traditional broadleaf trees, which I believe is in keeping with the Dartmoor National Park's policy.

The Hillyfield provides the local community with firewood and timber. This satisfies a growing desire to be able to buy food and materials that are locally sourced and directly benefit the local economy, as opposed to relying on imported goods that have negative consequences for the environment due to transportation. I passionately believe that communities need to become more self sufficient; producing food and other resources locally and that we should support business that support this ethos, such as The Hillyfield.

The Hillyfield enables the local community to connect with nature through workshops and volunteering opportunities.

There is a growing body of evidence about the benefits to a person's emotional health and wellbeing from 'being in nature'. Likewise there is also evidence of the impact which volunteering has in promoting good mental health.

Dartmoor National Park is aware of the health benefits of connecting with nature and being more active. They are currently involved in a piece of work in partnership with Exmoor National Park and Public Health to encourage local communities to use the moors for recreational purposes, with the aim of improving health outcomes. Hillyfield offers these opportunities; it enables local people to connect with the moor, to be more physically active, to contribute to the upkeep of the woods in a sustainable way and learn traditional woodland skills such as willow weaving.

In order to enable people to connect with nature in such a positive and meaningful way, certain facilities need to be available, hence the temporary structures on the Hillyfield site. None of these structures are intrusive, they are all wooden and therefore in keeping with the location.

In order for Dartmoor to thrive, people need to be able to work the land and be facilitated to do so. Arguably planning needs to meet the policy objectives of Dartmoor National Park in encouraging local communities to access the moor. In order for people to do this, there needs to be facilities; toilets, somewhere to shelter and get refreshments. Hillyfield meets the policy objectives of DNP so should be enabled and not discouraged by planning.

The woodland business should also be helped to develop by allowing the building of 2 barns to enable wood to be stored and seasoned and equipment to be stored.

I urge you to reconsider your decisions to refuse planning for the barns and insist on the removal of the temporary structures on the site and instead work with Doug King - Smith to further develop the Hillyfield in to a community resource and sustainable business.

Yours Sincerely

Nicola Glassbrook





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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

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

I, Luka Carlisle, of 6 Sunnysdale, Bittaford, Ivybridge. Devon. PL210EE.

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.

It is quite obvious to me that these basic structures, which meet the basic needs necessary to enable the effective and sustainable management of the woodland. It is a wonderful resource to our local community and I believe that Mr King-Smith and his team are sensitive and skilled in the good work they are doing at The Hillyfield.

I ask you to permit the structures in question.

Sincerely,  
Luka Carlisle

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Appeal By

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South Brent  
Devon  
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#### ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

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Interested Party/Person Correspondence

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

I, Minni Jain of 1, New Houses, Cott Road Dartinton Devon TQ96HQ

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.

Such small community benefit projects, working with nature, keep the heritage and tradition of our region alive. The Hillyfield project is a much valued educational resource as well as it provides an ecologically healthy, rich and diverse environment for all those who engage with it.

All the people who are part of Hilly field work hard, they benefit the local community, the local environment and are well loved in their local area.

I wholeheartedly support their being allowed to continue keep caring for the Hillyfield woodland.

Thank you.  
Minni Jain

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#### SENDER DETAILS

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## YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

The Hillyfield is a beautiful woodland, a space available to the community for responsible use and education in the form of lovely events and voluntary opportunities. It's managed ecologically and with sustainability at its heart and is a showcase for woodland management. I have been a log-customer and think it's hugely beneficial to be able to run a sustainable and viable business while conducting sensitive land husbandry. The structures are not ugly or intrusive and I believe they aren't even seen from outside the woodland anyway?? Surely supporting small, viable and well-run businesses is something the council should encourage, not dissuade?

I hope you re-consider in the King-Smith's favour as I know that they offer work opportunities to young people as well as educational and nurturing space for the community and it would be a terrible shame for this to be lost.

Bringing woodlands back into active management must be key to maintaining a struggling rural economy and entrepreneurs who are making this happen should be encouraged and applauded. Dartmoor is wonderful - I think the Hillyfield can enhance not destroy this beauty.

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#### SENDER DETAILS

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#### 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 believe the Park are wrong to refuse permission for a wood drying barn and machinery storage. The Hillyfield is a well managed and well loved part of our beloved Devon. I have been to the Hillyfield with my young daughter and have taken part in learning about the importance of countryside care and management. It is a well cared for and sympathetically treated site. The continued management is of importance for all visiting species, human and otherwise.

It is important that they are able to continue to produce sustainable local timber.

The Family that run this site are exactly what the local area needs. Passionate, well educated, nature nurturing, generous and hard working people. They support the opportunity for essential work experience and volunteering programmes. They bring with them a community of like minded nature lovers to the National Park and show them how to understand traditional crafts and give opportunity to adults and children to play and relax and observe the glorious surroundings. They are good people and they are good for the land. They need to have the sheds in order to continue the good work they do.

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#### ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

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## YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

I have been involved with the Hillyfield site through volunteering. I believe that Doug King Smith is running a genuine forestry business and in order to run this business he needs the infrastructure to support it, i.e. wood drying barn, stores, tool-shed, workshop, temporary homes for seasonal forestry workers. The impact of this business is only positive as it encourages biodiverse landscape, native woodland and benefits the community, providing opportunities for education in sustainable forestry and traditional crafts that come from this practice. There is no visual impact from the structures in place and proposed, as they can't be seen from anywhere that has public access. The structures are and will be minimal and in keeping with the landscape. I urge you to reconsider the action you are taking, this is an important and greatly beneficial project and business. I am so disappointed (and angry) that you continue to support businesses that create huge damage to ecosystems (i.e. sheep farming) and require tax-payers money to keep them going, and yet you come down so hard on businesses that are trying to do something different and support the creation of sustainable and biodiverse habitats whilst creating jobs, income and educational opportunities for the community. Please tell me why you are doing this? Thank you.

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**YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE**

I have known this project for 3 years supplying wood sourced locally and sustainable to the community. There is a need to encourage small business's with assistance to support the project the dry barns are essential given the current climate we live in which is uncertain and forever changing.

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#### SENDER DETAILS

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MS KATE GREEN

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**YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE**

Appeal Reference number APP/J9497/C/16/3146596

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

I, Kate Green of Studio Flat B, 10 Bank Lane, Totnes, Devon, TQ95EH

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 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. I think that the appellant should be granted permission for the wood-drying barn and the machinery store which they need to run a small-scale sustainable rural business. How can The Hillyfield keep looking after the land if it cannot run a successful business and does not have the infrastructure it needs? Surely there is an obvious forestry need for the following:

- 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)

This would NOT offer a visual intrusion on the park - it can't be seen from anywhere public and the structures are in keeping with the landscape and are built sensitively to make minimal impact.

It is vital that we take care of our woods - without well managed woods we lose biodiversity, we waste resources, and we lose touch with the land which can nourish us so deeply. 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. This appeal isn't just about the Hillyfield... it's about setting a positive example to help other people bring woodlands back into active management, engage the community, and help develop a culture of wood on Dartmoor and throughout the UK.

I urge you to re consider and grant Hillyfield the permission they so vitally require.

Yours faithfully, Kate Green