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Dear Christie,

Thank you for providing the agents comments and apologies for the delay in my response. I just have a couple of comments for the applicant-

Track Construction

The creation of the small track as outlined in the application is acceptable. However, Natural England requires any materials used for the resurfacing of the new track to be semi-natural. For example, an inert gravel type surface would be appropriate, but the use of concrete/tarmac would pose a high pollution risk and threaten the integrity of the Duddon Estuary SSSI, Morecambe Bay (SAC) and Morecambe Bay and Duddon Estuary (SPA).

Increased Visitor Pressure Mitigation

Mitigation for impacts on the SSSI will be required, as the agent has confirmed that there could be an increase in visitor pressure due to the new development. Therefore, Natural England advises the use of boulders or fences along either side of the section of track running parallel to Millom Rugby Clubs site boundary to mitigate cars parking on and encroaching upon the SSSI.

Yours sincerely,

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