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Dear Ann,

**Application 16-00502 Mayfield Farm, Hatchet Green, Hale, Fordingbridge, SP6
Change of use of agricultural building to holiday accommodation**

1. New Forest Association (NFA) objects to this application.
2. In his recent judgement on a very similar case nearby, (appeal against refusal of 15-00589), the Inspector emphasised that holiday units were new dwellings as follows...*Although there has been some discussion within the cases made, it seems to me that tourist accommodation of the type proposed represents new housing. This is because each unit would enjoy all the facilities necessary for day to day living. If permission was granted the occupation would be restricted through conditions to maximum stays and when, during the year, occupation could take place, but this would not affect the use. As such Policy CP12 of the New Forest National Park Local Development Framework Core Strategy and Development Management Policies 2010 (CSDMP) is engaged. This policy restricts new residential development to a limited set of circumstances, none of which are applicable to this case.*

His judgement was thus made against cornerstone policy CP12 rather than CP14. NFA contends that the conclusion he reached on 15-00589 applies equally to 16-00502.

3. If NFNPA are minded to disregard the Inspector's comments and judge on CP14, NFA contends that virtually no farming takes place at this site and the current application cannot therefore be part of a diversification scheme.

Yours sincerely,

Graham Baker, NFA Planning Committee

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