Dear Hilary

Re Letter of Objection to Application for planning by the Forestry Commission NYM/2018/0094/FL

We object to the building of a concrete ‘Nissan Hut’ structure in or around the village of Low Dalby in Dalby Forest.

With reference to the NYMNPA Framework Core Policy A, “Providing a scale of Development and level of activity that will not have an unacceptable impact on the wider landscape or the quiet enjoyment, peace and tranquility of the National Park, nor detract from the quality of life of residents or the experience of visitors”. The granting of this concrete structure will clearly have a massive detrimental effect on the residents and will destroy the peace and tranquility for both residents and visitors who come to Dalby to experience these two purposes of the National Park.

In addition, the Policy says “Providing for Development in locations and of a scale which will support the character and function of individual settlements”. Already the village of Low Dalby has been severely affected by previous FC developments which have lead to a huge increase to the volume of visitors and consequent disturbance.

With reference to Development Policy 14 “The proposal will provide opportunities for visitors to increase their awareness, understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the National Park in a manner that will not undermine the special qualities of the National Park or in a way that conserves and enhances the special qualities”.

It is quite clear that the proposal to construct a structure out of concrete is incongruous and does not conserve or enhance the special qualities of the Park in anyway.

Also under Policy 14, “The development will not generate an increased level of activity, including noise, which would be likely to detract from the experience of visitors and the quality of life of residents”. Again and by the FC own admission this will increase activity and noise to Low Dalby Village.
With reference to Policy 3, Design. Under the policy the proposed structure must be compatible with the surrounding buildings and not have an adverse effect upon the amenities of adjoining occupier. This none authentic concrete structure will not contribute to the character and quality of the environment.

I understand the FC are going to submit fresh plans with amendments to move the access path further away from the nearest house and close off the path that runs at the back of the houses. These fresh plans do not address the points I have made above.

The 1995 Environment Act sets out two purposes for the National Park Authority.

1. To conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the National Park
2. To promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the Parks by the public.

This concrete structure will certainly not enhance the beauty of the area and will certainly have an adverse effect on the wildlife of the area.

The development of this incongruous structure will in no way, whatsoever enhance the special qualities of the Park.

The primary motivation of the FC by their own admission is to increase the number of visitors to Dalby with little or no regard to the residents or to conserve the natural beauty of the National Park.

I therefore ask you to reject this application outright.

Yours sincerely

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