Dear Sir/Madam

We write to register our objections to the above planning proposal.

You will note from the submitted plan that a lane leading to the proposed site runs to the rear of our property. We are concerned that this structure will compromise our privacy since because of the elevation of this lane anyone using it is able to see through all our rear windows into the downstairs and upstairs rear rooms as well as the garden.

The lane in question connects House Dale in the village to Thornton Lane. At present is little used by the general public and its principal use is for the servicing of the village’s water supply tank. We are concerned that the proposed attraction will significantly increase pedestrian traffic along this route.

The proposal here is (in the words of the application) “The sculpture is a concrete structure made of concrete corrugated panels, created in the shape of a Nissen Hut, to interpret and celebrate the history of the site. This sculpture represents the end of WWI and the establishment of the Forestry
Commission in 1919”

One is tempted to comment that historically speaking the location of the proposed site is nowhere near the Nissen hut camp that once stood in the forest during the World Wars. That camp became the village itself as any glance the village green will reveal the sites of some of these huts. The other sites now have houses standing on them.
This being the case, if it is imperative that the existence of this camp be commemorated, then it is surely more appropriate that any commemorative item should stand where the camp was actually situated. A plaque, possibly mounted in a plinth constructed with real stone, more modest, tasteful and certainly less expensive might suffice better.

The one claim that the Commission can hardly make is that there is a shortage of suitable sites for such indulgences within the forest which we are told extends to 9600 acres.

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