North York Moors National Park Authority

District/Borough: Scarborough Borough Council (North) Parish: Fylingdales

Proposal: erection of agricultural livestock building

Location: Stoupe Brow Cottage Farm, Ravenscar

Decision Date: 09 September 2019 Extended to:

Consultations

Natural England – No objections on the basis of the information submitted. For the purposes of the Habitats Regulations you can rule out a likely significant effect on the North York Moors SAC/SPA.

Site Notice Expiry Date – 28 August 2019

Director of Planning's Recommendation

No objections



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Background

Stoupe Brow Cottage Farm is located in an isolated coastal location between Ravesncar and Robin Hoods Bay. It comprises a mixed livestock (cattle and sheep) and arable farm.

This notification provides details of a further agricultural building located to the west of the main yard and existing group of buildings. The proposed building measures approximately 45.5m long x 9.75m deep (444 sq.m) (the maximum size now for a Prior Notification is 999sq.m), with a ridge height of 5.5m.

The building is proposed to be faced with timber Yorkshire boarding with a grey fibre cement sheet roof. The proposed building would be similar in size and scale to existing buildings and of similar design, appearance and materials.

The building would be split into 3 levels, to absorb the land fall. The building will be open fronted to eliminate risk of pneumonia.

Main Issues

In the consideration and determination of prior notification applications, the Authority can only assess the proposal in relation to its siting (landscape impact), design and impact on ecology and archaeology.

The Authority is satisfied that the proposed agricultural building is suitably designed for the purposes of agriculture in terms of its scale and location and is considered to relate physically and functionally to existing buildings. Consequently it is not considered that it will have an adverse impact on the character of the wider landscape of this part of the Park.

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The farm is visible in the landscape but nestles quite well in a natural dip, adjacent the sea. The farm comprises compact group of relatively low buildings and the setting of the site is complemented by mature trees.

The main justification behind the new building is to provide more housing for cattle as land and buildings that were previously rented elsewhere are no longer available. A public footpath runs to the south of the site, but would not be affected.

In view of the above, Officers are satisfied that there is a functional need for the building and that the building has been designed for the purposes of agriculture within the unit. It is not considered that the building would cause unacceptable harm to local ecology, archaeology or the wider National Park landscape or the setting of the house. Consequently, no objections are offered.