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The Old Vicarage Bondgate
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Our ref: RA/2020/141062/01-L01
Your ref: NYM/2019/0777/FL
Date: 15 January 2020

Dear Mrs Saunders

APPLICATION FOR CREATION OF POND (RETROSPECTIVE)

LAND WEST OF LITTLE HILLA GREEN FARM, HACKNESS

Thank you for your consultation regarding the above proposal which was received on 02 January 2020.

Environment Agency Position

We have reviewed the information submitted with the application and we have **no objection** to the proposal.

From our review it appears that the flood map may be misaligned in this location, which is supported by the photographs provided by the applicant. This would place the proposed development outside of the flood zones.

I hope that these comments are useful in determining this application. If I can be of any further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mr Fraser Tomlinson
Sustainable Places Planning Adviser

From:
To: [Planning](#)
Subject: Comments on NYM/2019/0777/FL
Date: 14 January 2020 17:31:55

Create pond (retrospective) on land to west of Little Hilla Green Farm, Hackness

The above application has been considered by Hackness and Harwood Dale Group Parish Council and no objections are offered.

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J Marley (Mrs)
Clerk to Hackness and Harwood Dale Group Parish Council
(comprising the parishes of Broxa cum Troutsdale, Darncombe cum Langdale End, Hackness, Harwood Dale, Silpho, and Suffield cum Everley).

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Subject: Comments on NYM/2019/0777/FL - Case Officer Mrs H Saunders - Received from David Smith - Ranger South at NYMNPA, via email: d.smith@northyorkmoors.org.uk
Date: 14 January 2020 15:54:37

I acknowledge that this is a retrospective application for a pond that has already been constructed but I feel there is more which could be done so that the pond is more in keeping with the surroundings and isn't so intrusive in the landscape.

I think the pond should be allowed to develop only as a natural wildlife feature with minimum intervention. I see the current pond outflow with its artificial waterfall not in keeping with this open rural location and would prefer to see something different. Likewise, I feel that the new footbridge over the inlet channel from the issues is intrusive and question its real purpose and if it is really essential to have it.

Finally, thinking along similar lines, I wouldn't want to see any other additional infrastructure such as benches installed around the pond.

Comments made by David Smith - Ranger South of NYMNPA
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From: [Elsbeth Ingleby](#)
To: [Hilary Saunders](#)
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Subject: NYM/2019/0777/FL - land west of Little Hilla Green Farm, Hackness
Date: 09 January 2020 14:41:09

Dear Hilary,

I have reviewed the information supplied with this application. The applicant mentions the purpose of the pond being for 'amenity, wildlife and potentially to stock with wild brown trout'. I would advise that the wildlife value of the pond would be maximised by not stocking with any fish, as this would enable the pond to support a greater number and variety of amphibians and aquatic invertebrates than a stocked pond would allow. Given that fish currently occur in the lower pond (but cannot reach the upper pond because of a waterfall outflow) then conditions would appear to support the upper pond being left unstocked.

The pond is in a sensitive location as it is upstream of known white-clayed crayfish populations. White-clawed crayfish is declining across Britain and is now classified as endangered. It is also legally protected by the Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981). The primary threat to white-clawed crayfish is the introduction of non-native crayfish which can carry a harmful disease known as crayfish plague. I believe it is therefore important that if planning permission is granted, a condition is used to prevent the pond being stocked with any crayfish species in future unless as part of an Ark site scheme sanctioned by the Environment Agency (or any successive statutory body with the remit to oversee freshwater environments). Any future stocking of fish should be of native species, which must not be sourced from any waterbody where non-native crayfish may occur. This latter point is to prevent the potential transfer of crayfish plague spores from another waterbody to the pond.

Best wishes

Elsbeth

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