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Planning North Yorkshire Moors

Re Land at Newgate Farm Hackness NYM/2019/0832FL and NYM/2019/0619/FL

I would like to object and comment on this retrospective (some) planning permission and amended plans for Newgate Farm.

1, The applicant states it cannot be seen from a public right of way.....this is incorrect, it clearly can be seen, as the footpath goes to Newgate farm and leaves Newgate farm to head north west to Oak rig as seen on the map produced by the Bat survey for planning NYM/2019/0619FL page 16 and OS map for north York Moors Eastern area. The footpath is omitted from the applicants map.

2, The track from Whisperdales towards lowdales which the applicant states needed scraping for walkers and horses, absolutely not necessary, it was done to facilitate access for four wheel drive vehicles for shooting and has thoroughly spoiled the iconic Whisperdales which features in many publications for the peace and tranquility of a beautiful walk. The track is much worse now than it ever was and there has been considerable run off into lowdales beck ,silt build up must surely be a problem further down the line.

Publication, Classic walks on the North York Moors by Martin Collins

Quote :-" While many places leave us guessing as to how they acquired their map names, Whisperdales fulfils it's promise as a haven of peaceful seclusion. There is a soft and rounded gentleness to its character, a sense of aloofness from the modern world through being passed by more often than visited"

3, It is very unclear as to whether shooting will again take place. We have had to endure two years of tens of thousands of pheasants/partridge being released in the area, farmers crops have been eaten and our vegetable garden destroyed. The noise was constant during shooting season, 6 days out of 7, and many shot birds were never gathered, left to rot in the fields. If shooting is to continue, how many days? Surely a maximum number of shoot days could be stipulated? The application includes a large gunroom, would this be necessary for a family home?

4, The public footpath from Broxa farm to highdales is not mentioned. It leads through a beautiful old bluebell wood, a track was bulldozed through it, straight along the footpath, it does not appear on the plans for retrospective planning permission.

I feel that a beautiful corner of the north York moors national park has been totally spoilt. Over the last two years, tracks bulldozed, trees felled in a very haphazard way and the timber in many cases just bulldozed to one side. Whisperdales has been spoilt! Why is work allowed to continue when they know full planning is required? Will there be a scheme of re planting with native trees? What provision will there be to keep walkers and riders safe if machinery is moving about on any of the public rights of way? It is a very popular area, and how, if retrospective planning should be turned down , can Whisperdales be restored to its former beauty?

Yours faithfully

Mrs Carol Dickinson.