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North York Moors National Park Authority
The Old Vicarage
Bondgate
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29th April 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Section 73 Application, Variation of Occupancy Condition, Riverside Cottage, Littlebeck

I write this letter in support of a planning application for the removal of condition 9 on the decision notice issued by the North York Moors National Park in 1997, under reference number NYM4/034/2521/PA relating to the conversion of the building known as Riverside Cottage at Littlebeck to provide a holiday cottage.

As the National Park will appreciate, following the impact of coronavirus, the applicant has received no income from the property during the present year, with no realistic prospect for things changing in the near future. Having taken a long-term view of the situation, he has decided that it would be more appropriate to allow the building to be occupied on a permanent basis by those who would meet the requirements of the local needs occupancy approach set out in Core Policy J of the Local Plan. Accordingly, he seeks to allow the property to be occupied in accordance with the local occupancy criteria through the removal of the present restrictive condition. He appreciates that the National Park will wish to impose the local occupancy criteria that are set out in Core Policy J.

It is appreciated that the Park will wish to replace condition 9 with an alternative wider occupancy condition, based upon the local needs criteria in Policy J. We have no objection to this.

If the Park have any concerns concerning the submission, we would be very pleased to assist further.

Yours faithfully

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