

FAO: Miss Megan O'Mara, The planning department

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Saturday 10th June 2023

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you today in support of the recent planning application for the erection of a timber stable building for equestrian and livestock purposes at land south of St Margarets Church, Aislaby.

As the previous owner of the land I can confirm that the land had been neglected for many years. In the 60 years that my family have owned it, there has been limited maintenance completed, meaning that the land has looked unkept and undesirable for a considerable amount of time.

After recently visiting the proposed site, it is evident that the new owners are passionate about ensuring that the land is kept maintained, preventing unsightly views of overgrown hedging, grazing and broken fencing which would be of detriment to the area. In order to protect the land and for the welfare of the livestock occupying, it is essential that they need some form of shelter. There are no existing buildings on site that could be used for this and the proposed plan is in no way detrimental to the landscape. The design shows that it would not be prominent to the landscape as the land has an abundance of natural screening of hedgerows and trees. In the local area there are numerous examples of timber stables and other agricultural buildings which do not have any unacceptable impact on the local landscape character.

From carefully studying the proposed plan, it is obvious that careful consideration has been taken to not harm the amenities of neighbouring occupiers. For example, the stables are situated a great distance away from existing housing minimising the risk of noise and odour. After speaking to neighbouring residents who overlook the field, in my opinion the general consensus is that the horses and livestock have had a positive impact on the area. I and others believe that the addition of the stabling will only add to this enjoyment.

After referring to policy CO20, it is my view that the proposed plan meets the criteria for permission to be granted. Ultimately the new owners are aiming to change the land for the better, adding to the natural beauty whilst providing adequate shelter for their livestock.

It is for all of these reasons that I fully support the development and I have no objections to the plans proposed. I hope you will take these points into consideration when making your decision.

I would also like you to be aware that I believe some of the concerns raised for the planning permission are due to past grievances with me and are not related to the proposed permission.

Yours faithfully,

Martin Beeforth



Bracken Rigg,
5, Eglon Road,
Aisleby,
Whitby
7-2-2023

Dear Sir or Madam,
I am pleased
to give my support to the building
of a stable/shelter for the ponies
in the field below my house.
It has been a delight for me to
see the animals in the field.

Yours Sincerely
Vera Moutrey

From:
To: [Planning](#)
Subject: Comments on NYM/2023/0204 - Case Officer Miss Megan O'Mara - Received from Mrs Sara Pickering at 5 Galley Hill Slack, Aislaby, Whitby, North Yorkshire, YO21 1SR
Date: 16 June 2023 15:53:28

As a resident of Aislaby for nearly 10 years, not including my entire childhood, I write to support this application. The proposed stables/livestock shelter are a necessity for the applicant to carry out daily husbandry tasks essential for animal welfare. There are Valais Black Nose Sheep, Pygmy goats and Shetland ponies who all need feed, water, vet & med and daily checks to ensure they are all fit and well. Obviously in winter and during periods of bad weather the animals will need shelter as a basic requirement. The proposed stables/livestock shelter has been designed to fit into the natural surroundings with minimum impact to both the land and residents of the village. In my opinion, the resident's view of the beautiful Esk Valley from Egton Road is not spoilt as the proposed building is set well below their line of vision and after a period of time I think the building will blend into the landscape. The applicant has obviously invested in some post and rail fencing to accommodate their livestock's needs and the proposed building will finish off their project. The field/land has been improved considerably and I am sure will continue to do so under the care of Jade Birch and her family.

Comments made by Mrs Sara Pickering of 5 Galley Hill Slack, Aislaby, Whitby, North Yorkshire, YO21 1SR

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From:
To: [Planning](#)
Subject: Comments on NYM/2023/0204 - Case Officer Miss Megan O'Mara - Received from Mrs Margaret Thompson at Glebe Farm, 25 Main Road, Aislaby, Whitby, YO21 1SW
Date: 15 June 2023 20:53:14

As the landowner of the adjacent land I would like to express the following concerns:

- The size is described as 'reasonably modest', yet seems to be a substantial development that would be very visible from the village and the bridleway. Described as the 'minimum size required' I am concerned that these outbuildings could quickly be outgrown and that further stabling or outbuildings would then be required, increasing the size of the development even more.
 - Half of the field was sold in March 2022 and divided in two. The remaining portion, now owned by the applicant, has been subdivided into 3 with post and rail fences that are very visible, changing the appearance of the land from an open field to a very busy area. It seems to be overdevelopment of the field and this, together with the application for outbuildings, almost appears to be an attempt to turn a field into a smallholding by stealth.
 - How would the stables be lit? There are no lights in this part of the woodlands at night - would this increase light pollution? In addition, how will the lights be powered as there is no mains electricity to this site.
 - Traffic on the bridleway has increased significantly since ownership of the field was transferred. This is a busy bridleway, well used by local villagers from Sleights and Aislaby, by walkers, dog walkers, horseriders and cyclists. It is part of the Moors to Sea cycle route. The increase in motor vehicles has already increased the safety risks for the other users of the bridleway and this could be further exacerbated if the building of stables led to another increase in vehicles using the bridleway.
 - The land slopes downhill into the valley. I would be concerned that any run off from the manure heap that is mentioned as being sited adjacent to the stables would run into our field immediately below the stable posing a biosecurity risk to our animals.
- Thank you for considering these comments.

Comments made by Mrs Margaret Thompson of Glebe Farm, 25 Main Road, Aislaby, Whitby, YO21 1SW

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From:
To: [Planning](#)
Subject: Comments on NYM/2023/0204 - Case Officer Miss Megan O'Mara - Received from Susan and Phillip Murray at Local Resident, 82, Main Road, Aislaby, North Yorkshire, YO21 1SP
Date: 13 June 2023 12:14:47

Hi Megan

Having reviewed this planning application and as a resident of Aislaby village I do not support this planning application. The new owners of the site have already, without consent, massacred the hedgerow around their field (which I'm sure would be of interest to Natural England) and have already changed the landscape by developing a hardcore area and significant fencing both around the perimeter and within it. Although some new hedgerow has been planted near the entrance to the site, it is already overgrown and not maintained to allow for these new plants to grow. Furthermore, there has been large fires on the site very close to the bridleway which have been irresponsibly managed by the owners and have been left to burn unattended (car with someone in it parked up on the road with no visibility of the fire at all) and large amounts of smoke coming across a well used bridleway. The vehicles that come up and down the well used bridleway cause problems for pedestrians together with those walking dogs, cyclists and horses as there is not room for passing along this bridleway. Furthermore, as this site is overlooked by a conservation area and historic church, the proposed development would significantly alter the appearance of the national park from this perspective, it seems unimaginable that such a development could be permitted. With regard to the purpose of the development, it appears that it is in contravention of many aspects of policy no. CO20 (Equestrian development for Private Use) with particular reference to the following:-

1. It has an unacceptable impact on the local landscape and by people who do not live either in the village or in open countryside within close proximity to Aislaby. Thereby their proposal impacts greatly on the residents for nothing other than their personal wish to keep animals for pleasure, when they live no where near which again is very inconsiderate.
2. It is not closely associated with any existing buildings and would be stand alone stables.
3. The scale of the proposed structure is NOT moderate as suggested by the applicant and is not appropriate to its setting
4. It harms the amenities of the neighbouring occupiers by impacting on the local landscape character as well as impacting on a very well used bridleway and prejudices safety of pedestrians, cyclists, horses and riders and dogs along this route due to the daily (and more than once a day) movement of cars going to and from the site.
5. With regard to lighting, there are bats in the area and any lighting within the proximity of the church would have an adverse impact on their habitat. Given that there are no services to the site, how does the applicant propose to power these? If it was by a generator then this would cause noise and pollution. If its battery powered then these are likely to be LED which would contribute to light pollution within the national park especially in wintertime and shorter days.
6. With many domestic properties close by and on the perimeter of the field, it would not be acceptable for piles of horse manure to be kept on site and the application makes no reference to how frequently this would be cleared (but again, this also causes yet more traffic movement on the well used bridleway).

It is reasonable to expect that in such a landscape, there will be the infrequent movement of tractors along that route, however, very seldom do you ever come across such vehicles during peak times of use, whereas people have come up against cars to this site regularly as they come at times of the day when most people are up and about and using the bridleway for leisure purposes.

Given the inconsideration of these new owners to date, with no consultation with anyone or approval to do any of the works carried out to date, there is every possibility that even if this application was approved with conditions, it is unlikely that these would be met as their track record suggests that they are not interested in retaining, preserving or responsibly managing our beautiful landscape.

Comments made by Susan and Phillip Murray of Local Resident, 82, Main Road, Aislaby, North Yorkshire, YO21 1SP

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