## North York Moors National Park Authority

District/Borough: Ryedale District

Parish: Thornton Le Dale

Application No. NYM/2017/0012/FL

Proposal: creation of additional section of mountain bike trail

Location: land to the east of Sutherbruff Rigg

**Dalby Forest** 

Decision Date: 01 March 2017

## **Consultations**

Parish - No objections

Site Notice Expiry Date – 14 February 2017

# **Director of Planning's Recommendation**

Approval subject to the following condition(s):

1.	TIME01	The development hereby permitted shall be commenced before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.
2.	PLAN02	The development hereby approved shall be only carried out in strict accordance with the detailed specifications and plans comprised in the application hereby approved or in accordance with any minor variation thereof that may be approved by the Local Planning Authority.

## Informative(s)

1. All operations and ground disturbance need to stay well clear of Rabbit Trap HER 3354 and carefully respect any remains of Rabbit Trap HER 3352 which may still survive.

#### **Reason for Conditions**

1.	TIME01	To ensure compliance with Sections 91 to 94 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended.
2.	PLAN01	For the avoidance of doubt and to ensure that the details of the development comply with the provisions of NYM Core Policy A and NYM Development Policy 3, which seek to conserve and enhance the special qualities of the NYM National Park.

## Background

This application seeks to add an additional section of moderate grade mountain bike trail to add an extra route on the blue grade trail. The new stretch would be at Sutherbruff Rigg (about 2km to the east of Go Ape) and would be approximately 1/2km in length and 1.5m wide and surfaced with local stone.

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#### Main Issues

Development Policy 14 (Tourism and Recreation) of the NYM Local Development Framework seeks to ensure that new tourism development and the expansion or diversification of existing tourism businesses will be supported where the proposal will provide opportunities for visitors to increase their understanding, awareness and enjoyment of the special qualities of the National Park; where the development can be satisfactorily accessed from the road network (by classified roads) or by other sustainable modes of transport including public transport, walking, cycling or horse riding; where the development will not generate an increased level of activity and where it will make use of existing buildings.

The proposed new tracks will have little visual impact and will serve an existing tourist facility. The development itself will not result in additional traffic visiting Dalby Forest.

In view of the above, the proposal is considered to be in accordance with Development Policies 14 of the NYM Local Development Framework.

## Explanation of how the Authority has Worked Positively with the Applicant/Agent

The Authority's Officers have appraised the scheme against the Development Plan and other material considerations and confirmed to the applicant/agent that the development is likely to improve the economic, social and environmental conditions of the area.

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