

# North York Moors National Park Authority

District/Borough: Scarborough Borough Council  
(North)  
Parish: Grosmont

Application No. NYM/2019/0004/FL/R3

**Proposal:** application under Regulation 3 (Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992) for installation of 3 no. interpretation boards and 1 no. cast model, table and benches

**Location:** land north west of Grosmont Station, land near The Old School land north west of The Engine Shed and land south of Whinstone Cottage Grosmont

**Decision Date:** 06 March 2019

**Extended to:**

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## Consultations

**Parish** – Support – Provides educational and tourism benefits to the village

**The Coal Authority** – No objection

**Site Notice/Advertisement Expiry Date** – 11 February 2019

**Others** –

### Director of Planning's Recommendation

**Approval** subject to the following condition(s):

1. **Standard Three Year Commencement Date**  
The development hereby permitted shall be commenced before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.
2. **Strict Accordance With the Plans/Specifications or Minor Variations**  
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.

### Informatives

1. The proposed development lies within a coal mining area which may contain unrecorded mining related hazards. If any coal mining feature is encountered during development, this should be reported to The Coal Authority. Any intrusive activities which disturb or enter any coal seams, coal mine workings or coal mine entries (shafts and adits) requires the prior written permission of The Coal Authority. Property specific summary information on coal mining can be obtained from The Coal Authority's Property Search Service on 08457626848 or at [www.groundstability.com](http://www.groundstability.com)

### Reason(s) for Condition(s)

1. To ensure compliance with Sections 91 to 94 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended.
2. 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.

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**Background**

150 years ago, parts of the North York Moors boomed as a pioneering centre of ironstone mining and railway building. Grosmont, the Esk Valley, Kildale and Rosedale rang with the sounds of this 'Land of Iron', as the landscape bent and buckled under the might of Victorian industry. A £4 million Landscape Partnership Scheme, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, North York Moors National Park (NYMNP), David Ross Foundation and many other partners, tells the story of this short but intense period of exploitation which left a huge impact on the landscape and local communities.

The proposed locations for all interpretation features have been selected for the minimum impact on archaeological features, e.g. away from known buried deposits. The design of below-ground fixings has been developed to minimise ground disturbance whilst still providing a robust and sustainable foundation, e.g. shorter legs with support plates in areas of known shallow substrate. Where any archaeological layer or feature is encountered it will be protected from any introduced concrete foundations.

Four interpretation features are proposed on and around the Rail Trail between Grosmont and Murkside:

1. **Grosmont car park** – cast iron model and seats.
2. **Grosmont School** – lectern interpretation board.
3. **Grosmont viewpoint** – silhouette and lectern interpretation board.
4. **Murkside Mine** – lectern interpretation board.

**Main Issues**

The main planning policy of relevance to this planning application is Development Policy 14.

Development Policy 14 seeks to ensure that the quality of tourism and recreation is maintained and improved in the National Park through the adoption of principles of sustainable tourism. Tourism development is supported where the proposal will provide opportunities for visitors to increase their awareness, understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the National Park.

The introduction of interpretation platforms within the National Park will increase awareness of the extent of Ironstone mining in the North York Moors; a significant and valuable aspect of history in the area that has sculpted the landscape.

In view of the above, the application is recommended for approval.

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**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 recommended changes to the proposal including the relocation of the proposed interpretation board so as to deliver sustainable development.