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Subject: Comments on NYM/2016/0817/FL - Case Officer Mrs H Saunders - Received from Mr Graham Oliver at 33 Coach Road, Sleights, Whitby, North Yorkshire, YO22 5AA

I would like to register my objection to this application.
I am a local volunteer Regional Representative for the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) but I cannot speak on their behalf. I have however considerable connections with local wildlife enthusiasts and surveyors.

I am disappointed in the 'Bird Assessment' document provided. The document whilst thorough in some ways has very little local and real information, they seem to have forgotten that 'Absence of evidence is not evidence of absence'. As an example a simple online search this morning revealed sightings of Honey Buzzards (*Pernis apivorus*) of which there are only about 100 pairs in Britain, displaying in 2015 i.e. for mating purposes, less than 2 miles south-east from the application's proposed location. See <http://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/environment/birdwatch-sweet-sight-creates-secret-buzz-above-woodland-canopies-1-7317859>

I am pleased that the Bird Assessment document admits its limitations, in particular that the field survey was done outside the breeding season.

Having read through the documents both in support of and against this recent application, it is obvious that almost all in favour have flying interests and are not from the local area surely their voice counts less than the locals against that will have to live with the decision.

Comments made by Mr Graham Oliver of 33 Coach Road, Sleights, Whitby, North Yorkshire, YO22 5AA

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