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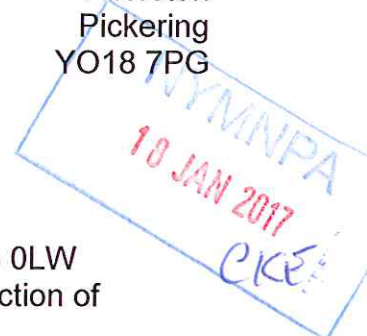
Planning Feedback for South Moor Farm

Application No: NYM/2016/0817/FL

Applicant: Acorus Rural Property Services

Address: South Moor Farm, Langdale End, Scarborough, YO13 0LW

Description: Change of use to form 1 grass runway and construction of pilot/restroom building.



Ebberston with Yedingham Parish Council held a planning meeting on 12/12/2016 with this application as the only agenda item. Several members of the public attended mainly from the Bickley/Langdale End area. They represented other residents from the area who were unable to attend. The full plans were available at the meeting both in hard copies and on a laptop. The scope of the development was discussed in full by the Councillors and the public were invited to put their views forward. Following long discussions all members of the public were against the proposed development. The Councillors voted unanimously against the proposed development. This planning application was further discussed at the Parish council meeting on 9th January 2017 and this response was agreed by the Parish Councillors.

The rationale for the refusal is

1. Dalby Forest is an area of natural beauty which is very popular with residents and tourists. The tranquillity of the area will be seriously disturbed by up to 40 flights a week taking off and landing. A very popular bike trail and walking routes pass along the border of the property. The presence of aircraft noise will distract from the peaceful aspect of the forest which is why many people visit. Residents living near the site of the proposed development felt that the noise of up to 40 aircraft a week would be significantly detrimental to the environment they have chosen to live in. There are no major roads to the villages and the only noises are the occasional tractors or motor bikes.
2. Dalby Forest is an area in which rare breeds are known to nest, these include Goshawks and Nightjars. Goshawks are a rare species and are protected. Their nesting sites are kept secret to protect them. They have been seen in the area by residents. Aircraft movements will potentially disturb these birds.
3. There are 2 natural gas installations sited very close to the runway and flight path. Any accident could be devastating to the local area, wildlife and visitors.

4. The proposer feels that the development could be beneficial to the local economy, but how the local economy would benefit is very unclear. There are no public services in the area so, once they have landed, how will the visitors leave the site?
5. The Parish council believe that the impact of up to 40 flights per week is unacceptably high and that any limit would be difficult to enforce. The weather at this altitude in North Yorkshire is very variable so could lead to a build-up of aircraft at the site unable to take off. Concern is expressed on how the number of flights will be monitored.

However, if the decision is to permit the proposal, then the Parish Council would strongly request that a condition be added that the applicant should arrange for aircraft landings and take-offs to be automatically recorded, and published daily, on the internet so that it is possible for the public to confirm that the stated restrictions are being observed.

In conclusion, Ebberston with Yedingham Parish Council do not agree with the proposal and feel it should be refused due to the above objections.

Lesley Myers

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