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Bracken Brae,
Hood Lane,
Cloughton,
YO13 0AT,
27th January, 2017



Dear Mrs Saunders,

I am writing to you regarding the retrospective planning permission for a holiday cottage at Whin Brow Cottage, Hood Lane, Cloughton reference number NYM/2017/0008/FL.

I wrote to the NYMNP planning department last year, stating my concerns and included photographs of the close proximity of the proposed holiday cottage to our property. The cottage has been in almost constant use since that letter. I have felt increasingly uncomfortable about the whole situation as our privacy has been invaded, quality of life compromised, and, probably our property devalued.

The three properties that share an entrance, cesspit for sewerage and a small area of land has worked well in the past and, as neighbours we have respected each others' privacy. Now myself and my neighbour in Whin Brow are subjected to total strangers wandering onto our land (I have had people looking over my gate, on my land, on numerous occasions.) As stated previously the windows from this holiday property look over both my gardens, and entrances, I cannot put refuse in my bin without confrontation from strangers on the patio, which is within 6 yards of my garden boundary.

I feel very vulnerable when gardening and often choose to try to garden when the residents are not in so as to avoid confrontation. This does not seem right or proper. Since my husband became disabled, nearly four years ago I struggle, on a daily basis, to cope. Imagine how stressful it can be to expect to converse with strangers so regularly!

Some of the residents are decidedly noisy, especially on the patio area, which is only a few yards from our kitchen, downstairs bathroom windows, and back door. We have been subjected to some one playing a musical instrument. Cigarette smoke permeates into the house from smokers who are not able to smoke in the cottage. I don't imagine any of this affecting the owners as they live adjacent to the proposed holiday cottage, with a workshop (previously garage) separating them. They are surrounded by a very high wall and do not look onto the cottage as we and our neighbour do. Over the years they have added windows, changed usage of garage, all presumably without planning permission.

At no point were we made aware of the owners intentions to change the usage of this space, or consulted in any way regarding the suitability, we have been totally disregarded and I fear the rest of this property may be used for similar purposes in the future. I do hope you will take my concerns into consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Julia Read