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**From:** Planning  
**Sent:** 12 May 2017 14:02  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Comments on NYM/2017/0261/FL - Case Officer Mrs Ailsa Teasdale - Received from Mrs Lucy Sillars at none, Moorstones, Ruebury Lane, Osmotherley, Northallerton, DL6 3BG

Dear Mrs Teasdale,

I would like to add my support for the proposed new club house at Thimbleby Shooting Ground. I am a local resident living about 5 minutes drive away in the neighbouring village of Osmotherley. I have only recently in the last year taken up clay pigeon shooting as a hobby, with Thimbleby as my "home" ground. It is a very welcoming and inclusive ground, I now regularly go along on my own to practise during the day and have joined their Wednesday League team (not that my scores count at all).

It has a fantastic layout for both beginners and experienced shots but now really does need a larger club house to match. I have attended 3 ladies clay shooting events at Thimbleby (in June 2016, December 2016 and January 2017) where our refreshments have been served in the tent that is adjacent to the current hut. On the one hot day, it was too hot and we froze on the cold/wet days. It does put people off coming again which is a real shame. Other local shooting grounds such as Hazelbank near Knaresborough have a much larger room with a wood burner.

An improved hut will also mean more income coming into our area as people will (and do) travel to good grounds. The ladies shooting clubs (Shotgun & Chelsea Bun Club, Femmes Fatales & North East gals to name a few) set up ladies clay days all over the country and ladies will travel for 1-2 hours to attend. Thimbleby really is at a disadvantage currently with it's less than adequate hut. The National Ladies Shooting day is on the 10th of June this year. Last year an event was held at Thimbleby, (which I attended), this year it isn't being repeated because of the hut facilities. This is an event where over 3000 ladies are all shooting on the same day so it is a real shame Thimbleby is missing out.

The Shooting ground already employs several Osmotherley residents. More use of the clay ground and with people travelling & possibly staying can only be a good thing for our area.

I really can't think of a down side to the new club house. Osmotherley already has plenty of traffic passing through in the form of walkers and bikers. Indeed most people coming to Thimbleby to use the shooting ground would come via the other exit from the A19 anyway.

Please do allow this planning application as it will be a fantastic improvement for our area.

Kind regards  
Lucy Sillars

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