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Subject: Comments on NYM/2017/0261/FL - Case Officer Mrs Ailsa Teasdale - Received from Mr John Russell Dickinson at 1 East View, Nawton, York, North Yorkshire, YO627TP



I wish to show support for the application to demolish the existing clubhouse and its replacement with a larger more up to date building.

Within the North Yorkshire area, including both the Moors and Dales National Parks. Shooting sports are of significant value to the regional economy.

The money that individuals spend within this regional economy benefits many people who derive an income providing services for these individuals.

The standard of the services on offer within the area generally is very high, however I believe that the standard of what is on offer is rising.

The clay target centre at Thimbleby is a perfect example of this. The quality of the services offered there is in a constant state of evolution.

I do believe, however that the existing clubhouse is not in keeping with the rest of the ground. I don't know how long the existing building has been there but whilst it is clean and tidy both inside and out it is unsuitable for a number of reasons.

The building is too small.

Shooters that use the facility quite often come as a group. There are often times when the current building is full to bursting and there is no where to sit down with friends to relax.

The changing facilities there are very limited. Sometimes people using the centre will come either before work or following work. Other than standing in the toilet cubicle there is nowhere suitable for changing. The added problem is that anyone wishing to use the toilet is then denied access.

Shooting, particularly clay pigeon shooting is an inclusive sport. Whilst the shooting ground is wheel chair friendly, having all but one of the shooting stands on hard surfaced paths. The Clubhouse facilities for a disabled user are limited. The current clubhouse, because of its restricted size hasn't the room inside to provide a wheelchair accessible toilet. I feel that this is unacceptable as it denies a whole section of society use of that facility.

Significant business at this time comes from corporate groups who come to the area from all over the north and midlands.

These groups demand high standards, and often ask for a complete package including meals. Currently the ground would find some difficulty in providing these services at that location. During inclement weather there is insufficient room within the clubhouse to accommodate a large group.

To start the day a full safety briefing is delivered to participants. This ideally needs to be conducted in an area where the person delivering it can see all the participants present, indoors if the weather is inclement. At present the owners have erected a tent outside to try to address this problem but whilst this does help. It highlights the inadequacy of the existing clubhouse.

In addition looking at the clubhouse area generally, in an attempt to accommodate the increasing level of business, the owners have had to use shipping containers for storage purposes. These detract from the overall appearance of the site.

The site is approached along a tarmac road, through an attractive wooded valley. The shooting ground away from the clubhouse area is maintained to an impeccable standard.

This is let down by the clubhouse area and the collection of storage containers etc.

I feel that this application would benefit the appearance of the site and would be a further asset to the range of services offered to visitors to the area.

When considering this application it may assist to examine the facilities on offer at the shooting grounds situated at Coniston Hall near Gargrave and also Park Lodge Shooting Ground near Snaith.

This will give some idea of the standards expected by participants in the sport. I feel that this application will address the obvious shortfall in the facilities currently offered at Thimbleby Shooting Ground.

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