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**Subject:** Comments on NYM/2017/0787/FL - Case Officer Mrs H Saunders - Received from Mrs Kathryn Wells at Badgers Drift, High Kilburn, York, YO61 4AJ  
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I object to this planning application in the strongest of terms.

I would like to bring to your attention that there are actually two applications for manure sheds in the village from the same family. They own two farms: Village Farm which lies within the jurisdiction of Hambleton Council, and Church Farm which lies within the jurisdiction of North York Moors. Both farms are situated within the heart of the village.

The farms have changed dramatically in the last few years from beautiful dairy farms into filthy, squalid pig farms punctuated by areas which are seemingly used as scrapyards. The walk from Kilburn to High Kilburn through the churchyard and up the public footpath, through the fields used to be so pretty; now all you can see are defunct cars, broken farm vehicles and a rusting WHSmiths shipping container. The area now being used as a scrapyard used to be two fields and it has to be questioned how the council have allowed this to happen. This has destroyed the beauty of the area.

I would like to highlight that the properties lying on the western side of High Kilburn village green are the nearest properties in both villages to the proposed location of the manure shed and will be impacted the greatest.

I have already suffered a change in circumstance due to the change in farming from dairy to pigs. The smell from the pig sheds is intolerable at times and in the height of Summer, when I should be able to enjoy my garden, I am unable to do so due to the stomach churning odour. I can no longer leave my windows open due to the increase in flies and, during the night, cannot leave the windows open due to the noise of the screaming pigs or the farm workers operating machinery as early as 04:00hrs.

I have seen a change in the water courses and the beck in the village since this intensive pig farm has been introduced, which are now polluted.

The roads are regularly covered in mud and manure from the farm, and resemble farm tracks rather than public highways. These farmers believe themselves to be above the law and untouchable.

They seem hell bent on destroying these beautiful villages and it almost feels like an act of revenge since they had their application for the anaerobic digester refused a couple of years ago.

Kilburn and the surrounding area are renowned for their natural beauty and many of the residents rely on income from the tourist trade. We are in danger of losing that if the expansion of the pig farms are allowed.

I ask that this application be refused.

Comments made by Mrs Kathryn Wells of Badgers Drift, High Kilburn, York, YO61 4AJ

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