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Having now studied the application in more detail I would like to raise the additional concerns:

1) Proximity to the village

I'm really struggling to understand why, when the Dalby Forest is 8,000 acres, why the Forestry Commission would even consider the proposed development right next to the village. There is bound to be disruption and loss of privacy caused by the development and the increased time that visitors will spend in close proximity to the village. Those houses closest to the development will feel the biggest impact on their privacy. A development closer to the visitor's centre would have less impact on the village and be visited by more people.

2) Security

At the moment the majority of visitors pass through the village relatively quickly (with some exceptions) along the start of the Ellerburn Trail. As more visitors that linger near the proposed installation it will inevitably lead to more visitors encroaching into the village and becoming aware of the houses and how vulnerable they can be at quiet times; especially at night. The installation will also raise awareness of the track behind the village houses meaning that visitors will surround the houses and know how to access them and their outbuildings from the relatively unprotected rear. I often work away and this is raising serious concerns for the safety of my wife when I'm not here. This is by far my biggest concern.

3) Access

What are the proposals for access to the installation during construction and generally once construction is complete? The details provided so far have been sketchy.

4) Parking

As more visitors are attracted by the Ellerburn trail we have had to put up with increasing numbers parking in the residents spaces in the village. This is because those visitors can't be bothered to walk the extra distance from the designated visitor car parks. The Forestry Commission is aware of the issue and it's been raised on numerous occasions but so far, they have totally failed to address the issue. The proposed development will only make this issue worse.

5) Litter

With increased numbers of visitors has come an increase in the amount of litter along the trail. This takes many forms, discarded wrappers, bottles and most bizarrely dog waste in little plastic bags hung in trees by the side of the path. Again The Forestry Commission does nothing to address the issue and the proposed development will only make this worse.

This is another example of the Forestry Commission coming up with ideas to waste public money without considering the views of the residents. The recent installation of the automatic barriers is another case in point. There have been multiple occasions when the barriers have failed and the assurances we were given by the Forestry Commission at the time regarding emergency access have come to nothing. I see no reason why assurances we receive about this project will be any different.

Comments made by Mr Alex Abbott of 7 Low Dalby, Pickering, YO18 7LT

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