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Sent: 13 May 2011 16:10
To: Planning
Subject: Application NYM/2011/0090/FL: Construction of 1 dwelling at land adjacent Hollins Farm, Eskdaleside, Grosmont

Dear Sirs,

Application NYM/2011/0090/FL
Construction of 1 dwelling at land adjacent Hollins Farm, Eskdaleside, Grosmont

Thank you for your letter dated the 9th May 2011 regarding the above application. I can confirm that I wish to speak for Grosmont Parish Council at the Planning Committee Meeting on the 19th May 2011.

I detail hereunder a transcript of the speech made on behalf of Grosmont Parish Council at the Planning meeting on the 21st April 2011.

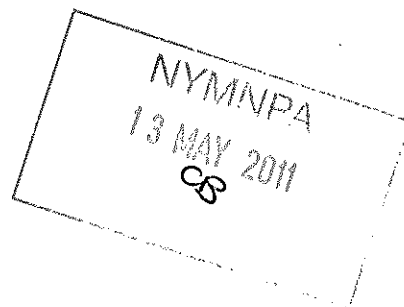
As this was authorised by the entire Parish Council, I feel it would be prudent to append it to the relevant documents to complete the public record. Accordingly I would kindly ask you to include the transcript in the 19th May Committee Report under "Consultations" / "Parish".

For the sake of good order, please acknowledge receipt of this email.

Thank you for your assistance advance.

Kind Regards,

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NYMNPA Planning Committee (21/04/2011)
Application NYM/2011/0090/FL
Speech by: Lance Garrard, Grosmont Parish Council

Before I begin, I can confirm that I have no social business or other connection to the applicants.

This is the first time a Grosmont Parish Councillor has come to Committee regarding a planning application in many years. I wish my attendance to be viewed as a

measure of how strongly we support this application.

We understand there are no objections. There are 41 letters of support from neighbours & villagers plus the unanimous support of the Parish Council.

We believe this plot does lie within the village. That it is not in "open countryside" or "outside the built up part of Grosmont". There are 27 properties in the vicinity, it is well within the 30mph limit and inside the village boundary.

This is clearly an infill plot as it is sandwiched between two dwellings and naturally completes a row of six houses. We believe this build does not constitute a loss to an "open area".

We do not consider the build will have an "urbanising impact" as it is discretely located well below the highway and screened by existing trees.

We do not believe that it will be detrimental to "the character of the environment or landscape" as it is built in the vernacular and made of local stone.

With regard to the Highways objections. Paul & Alex use this existing driveway today - this does not constitute a significant "intensification of traffic". With minor alterations, it could be made compliant.

With regard to Local Needs, Paul and Alex are planning to raise the fourth generation of their nuclear family in Grosmont. No Social housing is currently available and if it did exist, a working couple without dependants are not a priority case.

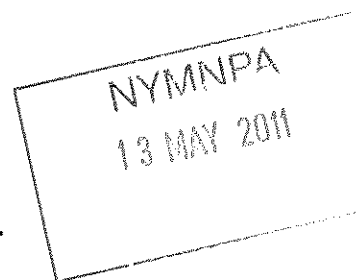
With regard to "Affordable Housing": Around one third of the properties in Grosmont are either second homes or holiday lets. The price of dwellings is superficially high, the local wage economy is relatively low. This self-build is the only affordable option available them.

Grosmont's population is already heavily skewed towards the elderly. We must not deny youngsters the basic human right to live amongst their relatives. The young are essential to the community; they create vitality, continuity and sustainability. Most importantly, they are the future custodians of the Park.

We accept that planning policy is biased towards: businesses, agriculture and the impoverished. However, we do feel that adequate provision should be made to the rest of the indigenous population. We would remind you that Grosmont has not seen a private new build for almost a third of a century.

In summary, we are totally satisfied with the building, its location and its occupants.

We wholly endorse this application.



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