

Wendy Strangeway

From: JOHN AND REBECCA
Sent: 24 February 2012 19:05
To: Planning
Subject: Re: Construction of Multi user trail - Ellerburn Low Dalby

Dear Caroline Bell

Thank you for your email. My address is 4 Branksome Road, Norwich NR4 6SN.

John Richards

----- Original Message -----

From: Planning
To: JOHN AND REBECCA
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2012 10:58 AM
Subject: RE: Construction of Multi user trail - Ellerburn Low Dalby

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Dear John Richards

Thank you for email received 23 February 2012 making comments on planning application NYM/2011/0653/FL – Ellerburn, Low Dalby for the construction of a multi user trail. Unfortunately under current Planning Legislation we require a full postal address to be supplied with your letter before any comments can be taken into account.

Yours sincerely
Caroline Bell

From: JOHN AND REBECCA
Sent: 22 February 2012 21:57
To: Planning
Subject: Construction of Multi user trail - Ellerburn Low Dalby

North Yorkshire Moors Planning Department
Your Ref NYM/2011/0653/FL

Construction of Multi user trail - Ellerburn Low Dalby

Dear Madam,

As an occasional visitor to Dalby Forest and a keen spectator of the local wildlife there I am concerned with the proposed route of the path and it's effects on the environment.

In my view a tarmaced path will reduced the high amounts of biodiversity in the area and cause a greater amount of surface run off due to it's impermeable properties. This will cause greater amounts of soil eroison and ruin the asthetical values of the area, which is a fantastic habbitat for local wilfdlife. Furthermore, the tarmaced surface will encourage the use of moterised vehicles which would cause both noise and air pollution. Therefore again decreasing the biodiversity in the area.

Your Faithfully
John Richards

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From: C REES |
Sent: 22 February 2012 20:33
To: Planning
Subject: Your Planning Ref NYM/2011/0653/FL (OBJECTION)

To: Mrs Hillary Saunders
North Yorkshire Moors Planning Department

Ref: Construction of Multi user trail at Low Dalby

Dear Mrs Saunders,

I object to the above planning application in its current form for the following reasons. I am a regular visitor to Dalby Forest and a user of trails and MTB routes and I find this proposal at odds with the existing trails in that it appears to be a rather un natural highway and will be very noticeable in places as it carves up pasture land in an un natural way. I disagree with the building of straight path ways which take little consideration of the surroundings. I personally enjoy many of the trails but do not see the need for one so close to the beck which will have an adverse effect on wildlife in the area who natural habitats will be disturbed. I am sure that there are better locations for a path way and one which could fit in better with the local surroundings. Because of the width of the trail I can for see that Trials motor bikes and quad bikes may use it and I have seen such problems on the Moors and do not want to see similar in Dalby Forest.

I live in Malton. If you need my details for this objection they are

Mark Rees
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Kind regards, Mark Rees

Dated 22/02/12

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Wendy Strangeway

From: Nicola Richardson on behalf of Information Requests
Sent: 10 April 2012 13:38
To: Planning
Subject: FW: Dalby Forest Ellerburn Trail- Letter of Support

Nicola Richardson
Department Administrator (Park Services)

From: Dave Faulkner [mailto:]
Sent: 10 April 2012 12:24
To: Information Requests
Subject: Dalby Forest Ellerburn Trail- Letter of Support



Dear Sir/Madam

I believe that the proposed creation of the multi-user Ellerburn Trail in Dalby Forest will be of tremendous value to our community and visitors alike.

My family visit Dalby often and my 3 and 5 year old boys love the outdoors and are bike mad. This trail sounds like it will be ideal and look forward to the opening of the trail in the very near future.

Please take this E-mail as an endorsement from myself and family (Glenda, Joe and Sam)

Regards

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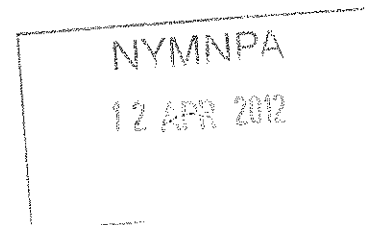
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10th April 2012

Ref: NYM/2011/0653/FL



Dear Mark,

Many thanks for your follow on letter regarding the application for the Ellerburn trail at Low Dalby. Unfortunately I still have many concerns with this application and I am still very much against it.

I have looked at the updated plan and can only see a fence line across the bottom of our fields, does this mean that the fields are open to the public along the rest of the trail? This would also surely mean that there would have to be 12 gates put into the trail along the way where it crosses the existing fenceline. I would like to know what type of gates these would be and how you are planning on ensuring that these gates are closed every time.

There is no mention of the width of the path on this plan, are you planning on it being the same width as before? In the last planning meeting the issue was raised about the width of the paths and we were told by the Forestry Commission representative that they were to be this width as they were planned to be used by these bicycles that sit side by side, for the less able bodied? Are these less able bodied people going to cope with the opening and closing of 12 gates along their ride?

I notice that the path runs close to the beck, other than where there are otter holts. At these points the path is planned to run deeper into the fields. This will surely make these areas more likely to be seen as picnic areas and areas where people are more likely to be letting their dogs off the lead and letting their children play in the river, which in turn would scare away the otters, and therefore defeating the object. Just a quick look on the beckline from Dalby village up as far as Sievedale is surely proof enough as to the massive effect that letting the public have access can do.

Over the last couple of years there have been more and more redundancies made by the Forestry Commission, meaning that Dalby Forest is currently managed by a minimal number of staff. How do you propose with this minimal staff to 'police' the path? You are bringing the general public closer to our stock and in turn this risks their welfare, without the area being monitored permanently there would be no way of ensuring the safety of my livestock.

There are so many other alternatives than this suggestion, which would take people into the forest and away from our livestock.

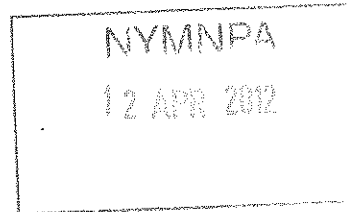
Yours sincerely

John Welburn

*Peter Booth
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11th April 2012

Mark Hill
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Dear Mr Hill

Ref NYM/2011/0653/FL Construction of a multi user trail at Ellerburn.

Following the Forestry Commission third submission of plans for the construction of a multi user trail, I as an affected resident would like to object on the following grounds.

- 1. Impact on landscape.** There has been no submission regarding changing the width etc of the trail and therefore the impact will be a 2.5m trail that meanders considerably down the valley. Clearly this will result when viewed from a northerly or southerly perspective of a trail much wider due to the meandering resulting in a view more akin to a motorway rather than just a road.
- 2. Impact on safety.** The second and third plans protect the public from the fields that currently have horses in them by a fence. There appears to be no such fence in the northern and southern fields. These fields are currently grazed by sheep. This is not the same as open countryside where the occasional rambler crosses fields with livestock in them. This trail caters for the disabled, children, mountain bikes and adults, the vast majority of which have dogs and mixing these groups with livestock is certainly not safe.
- 3. Impact on neighbours.** Whilst the planners on the first recommendation dismissed the issue regarding the impact on neighbours, I as a resident know there is both a visual and noise impact. At this time of year there is noise from the current path but as the numbers of people increase in the summer the growing trees provide the sound protection and is not a problem. The new trail will not have this level of protection and obviously will be much closer to the properties.
- 4. Impact on Wildlife.** Although the latest plans try to resolve the issue of the otters there must surely be an impact on all the wildlife that inhabits the river and surrounding vegetation.
- 5. Impact of creating a "playground".** Whatever the intensions are of the Forestry Commission, the construction of this trail will create a playground down the valley. Currently at the visitors centre the river is used by children

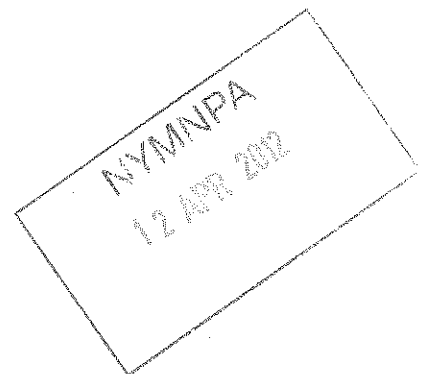
and adults for recreation. Creating this trail makes it even easier for the public to use the river for paddling creating noise and disturbance for the residents and clearly this will affect wildlife. This will also affect the tranquillity for the many walkers who currently enjoy the existing route

6. **Need for the trail.** It is rather unfortunate that the Forestry Commission will not consult/discuss with the residents various alternative routes that resolve all the issues above and potentially are considerable less cost than the proposed route.

I would therefore request that the planners or if it goes to committee, reject the application based on the list above and that forms part of your raison d'être "To conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the National Park", and force the Forestry Commission to look at alternatives that still allow your other core strategies to be achieved i.e. "To promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the Parks for the public.

Yours faithfully

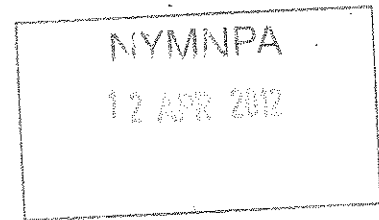
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11th April 2012

Ref: NYM/2011/0653/FL



Dear Mark,

Thank you for the update on the planning application regarding the Ellerburn trail. I still however have many concerns and issues regarding it.

It looks from the new plan as though there is now minimal fencing along the stretch which surely means that you are happy for the public, their children and their dogs to be running loose with the sheep in the fields along the way??

There is already an accessible path for the public to use, through the village, which I walk with my dog on a regular basis and I am horrified by the lack of respect by the 'general public'. There is a huge amount of litter along the trail, there is bag after bag of dog dirt thrown into the forest, left hanging on branches and even the garage doors and I would hate to see this doubled by letting them walk along both sides of the river. What actions will be put in place to stop them feeding the livestock along the way? If they throw rubbish in the fields.....which they will...this could cause untold damage to the livestock in those fields.

I have on more than one occasion come across groups of teenagers who see Dalby as their private playground, who come in here on an evening and do whatever they please. As an animal lover it truly scares me to think that they will now be given the option to come up close to the livestock, which is, in effect, trapped in its field, for them to taunt and hurt as they see fit. Why do the general public need GREATER access to the area that they already abuse?

There is a perfectly good route already all the way round from the visitor centre and back again. I understand that the aim is to get people off the road, but if that's the case then surely it would be better to build a path into the bankside for that small stretch as opposed to destroying a beckline that is so beautiful, and causing such a massive detrimental effect to the wildlife in this area.

I STILL sincerely hope that this plan doesn't go ahead, as there are no benefits for Dalby as the 'Great Yorkshire Forest'.

Yours sincerely

Amanda Welburn-Smith

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10/04/12

Mrs Hillary Saunders
North Yorkshire Moors Planning Department

Your Ref NYM/2011/0653/FL

Construction of Multi user trail - Ellerburn Low Dalby

I wish to object to the above proposal for the below outlined reasons.

I have now seen the revised plan for the proposed route and do not consider it has addressed the initial concerns which caused the original plan to be withdrawn.

Within the planning application's Design and Access statement, it clearly states the following, '**it is our intention to create a footpath that blends into the landscape and micro topography to give a flowing non linear trail.**' I feel this revised plan fails to deliver on this statement.

It states that the path will measure **2.5 metres in width - dimensions of a single carriageway road – not a footpath!** I consider a trail of this scale will obviously not blend in and will amount to be an undesirable urbanisation of the countryside. The width of this thoroughfare will permit the access and therefore encourage the undesirable use by quad bikes, the use of which is frequently witnessed by myself in the locality. I do not believe anyone wants to facilitate this, as it will unequivocally have a detrimental impact on wildlife.

Although, I accept some attempt to follow the beck line has been made in the revised plan. This is not the case in the southern most field, where the route is totally contrary to the above design and access statement, as it cuts straight through the field with a linear trail and not meander alongside the beck in a natural manner. There is also mention that this section is too wet to follow the beck, however, any site visit will determine it is no more so than some other areas by the trail. One such section, south of Dalby Meadow Farm, has been detailed to have a broad walk built to circumvent this issue. Since the section of the path in the southern end field is not DDA compliant and has not been designed with a broad walk, I can therefore only conclude that economic reasons may be more primary than limiting the impact on the topography.

The proposed sitting of the trail will cause an imbalance in the bio diversity of the area as it will destroy the natural habitat for birds (Kingfishers and Dippers) and other wildlife such as otters, all of which do not tolerate human activity.



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The siting of this development will have a direct negative impact on the local farming by prohibiting the access of livestock to drinking water at the beck to drink and find shelter in severe weather. As outlined in the Design and Access Statement '**glazing will continue after the trail is installed, however on a much reduced scale.**' I believe members of the public would rather see more animals grazing and not less.

I consider that the public want access to the forest to enjoy nature in its natural habitat and not see it habitat destroyed. I believe the forestry commission have responded well to it's demands by providing miles of trails and paths and the splendid Dalby Visitor Centre. If further walks/access are required for multi purpose use then a location away from the beck, such as the existing Ellerburn Road, which is flat, wide and accessible is already in existence. This route provides an attractive view of the natural beauty and ecology of the National Park without further urbanisation of the countryside.

Yours sincerely

Mr Jon Gascoyne



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