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28th December 2011

Ref: NYM/2011/0653/FL

Dear Mark,

I have looked into the planning application online for the proposed new Ellerburn Trail in Dalby Forest and would like to issue my concerns with it.

I feel that by building this trail along the beckline you are going to completely decimate the wildlife that can be seen down there. So many birds and animals live along that stretch of the river and this will only bring an end to it. You have had an otter survey done yourselves, which I've had a look at, and surely the amount of activity reported can only prove to you that this would be a reckless project. The otters are simply not going to remain on the beck with dogs and children constantly in the water.

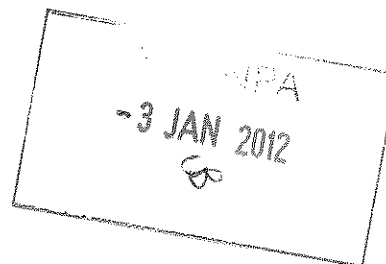
The privacy of the residents must surely be an issue too, it'll be like putting a path in their back garden and all of a sudden their lives will be on show for the world to gawp at!

I have lived in Dalby for virtually my entire life and I love the peace and tranquillity that you can find within the forest. I spend a lot of time watching the animals and birds that live here and would hate to see yet more of it being cut out. The wildlife around the visitor centre has disappeared due to all the tourist activity, and I just can't understand why you would be happy to destroy yet another stretch of the river. If some kind of pathway is SO essential, then why can't it be built in that area?

I sincerely hope that this plan doesn't go ahead.

Yours sincerely

Amanda Welburn-Smith



**Mr and Mrs J Welburn
Low Dalby Wood
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27th December 2011

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Dear Mark,

Following on from your letter regarding the planning application for the Ellerburn Trail, proposed for Low Dalby I would like to issue my concerns as I am very much against this application.

We currently rent 4 fields from the Forestry Commission which run along the beck side. In these fields we have a stock of sheep and horses. They all rely on the natural curves of the current planted beckline to provide much needed shelter. The proposed path will eradicate all these areas leaving the animals with no shelter at all. They also use the beck, in two different places as a 'watering hole'. Again this has been much needed over the past two winters as all the pipes to their water troughs have frozen. Your plan will leave them with access to no water at all during these times (which during the winter of 2010/2011 covered a period of 3 months).

I am concerned that the trail will destroy the natural habitat for the birds and other wildlife that live along the stream. I have read your report that you had done regarding the otters and water voles, and this showed that the river is teeming with otter activity; a holt being right at the bottom of my field. The otters are not going to continue to survive and breed along this stretch with continual noise and disruption caused by dog and human interaction. There is also such a varied array of bird life that relies on the river, with regular sightings of Kingfishers and Dippers. Both of these birds are very 'private' birds, and will not tolerate a lot of human activity, so they will be lost.

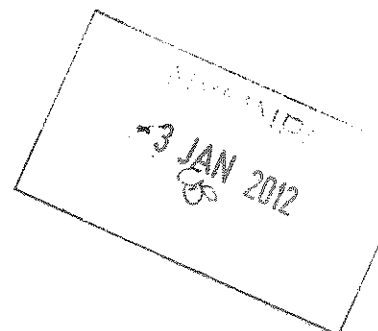
From a personal point of view I have definite privacy issues. When we bought this house, one of the main factors was that it was such a private property, but this path would mean that everyone walking along it is free to view our daily activities, along with those of our neighbours, which much surely only lead to a devaluation of our properties.

From Dalby Visitor Centre upwards to Sieve Dale there is very little in the way of river wildlife, this is due to the tourist activity. Why now do you feel that you need to destroy yet another section?

I'm horrified that this path could even be suggested, I thought the National Parks were all about protecting wildlife, not destroying it!

Yours sincerely

John Welburn

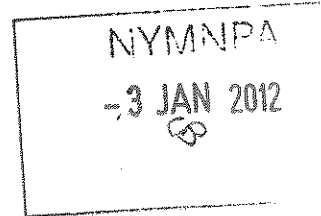


Wendy Strangeway

From:
Sent: 28 December 2011 12:45
To: Planning
Subject: NYM/2011/0653/FL

Application for construction of a multi user trail at Ellerburn, Low Dalby.
Grid reference 485620 486677

Comments from
Peter and Cheryl Booth
Upper Dalby Wood
Low Dalby
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Dear Mrs Saunders

Thank you for your letter of the 09/12/2011 regarding the proposed planning application to construct a multi use trail. I would like to make comments of objection to the proposal.

The application says that consultation events have taken place (early last year). We have not been aware, not invited to and therefore not attended any such events. Considering we are one of the houses in close proximity to the development this is very disappointing. Your letter was our first knowledge of the proposal.

In terms of our objections

The proposal will result in our property being surrounded by the visitor trails. Currently we have the Forest drive to our West Elevation but then clear views to the East. The current Forest trail on the East side of the Beck is completely hidden by the trees running either side of the beck. We have recently redeveloped our property, with your planning permission, which focused on providing extra views to the East. This development will be very intrusive to these views.

Privacy. Currently the East side of our house both internal and in the garden is totally private. This proposal if allowed to go ahead will change that completely.

Noise. We accept the noise from the Forest drive but this new development will now include noise from the East. We live there and visitors do make noise.

The application says it will provide access to people with disabilities to the forest. There is currently a more than adequate trail on the East side of the beck. I cannot see the advantage of the new trail. It will provide a new circular route but the return leg will only be a few meters from the outbound leg ie the views will be exactly the same.

The application states that the trail will blend into the landscape, which clearly cannot be the case. Currently there is a Forestry viewing point between our house (upper Dalby Wood) and Low Dalby Wood. The view to the North, East and south is magnificent. It is a view down the field, to the beck and up into the trees. One continual vista which will be ruined by the proposal. Many visitors stop at the viewing point to admire the scenery and take photographs.

The application contains two surveys, one for bats and one for water voles. It is a pity the Forestry Commission do not take the welfare of the human residents as important as the animals. The houses have been there for 84 years.

Dalby Forest is a huge area of land with the residents living in one small area. I cannot understand why the Forestry Commission keep developing so close to the residents when they have thousands of acres of opportunity.

I would suggest you visit the site to see the affect the proposal will have on the existing views not just for the residents but the visitors too.

We object to the proposal in the strongest way.

Regards

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