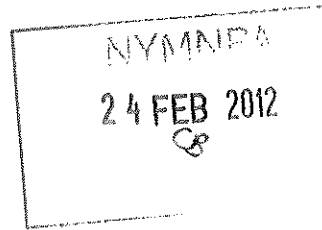


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23/2/12



Orchard Cottage,
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Dear Sirs/ Madam,

Concerns regarding application 2010 from Ms Laura Heath for the proposed development of Dalton Cottage, Egton Bridge and questioning the stability of the re-build on a land-slip site.

When we retired and purchased Orchard Cottage sited below Dalton Cottage we were fully aware that the property was considered to be on a moderate land slip area. Despite this we were not deterred as we knew during the 20 year history of the previous owner's things had remained unchanged with no evidence of movement and nothing threatening future stability of this stunning Grade 2 listed Cottage.

Our anxieties are mounting because we do not feel re-assured from the plans supplied that sufficient detail has been given in addressing fully the intended foundation and drainage work to be properly carried out. If these two major concerns are not undertaken with the utmost skill they could present enormous problems in the future not only for Dalton Cottage but could seriously undermine Orchard Cottage and its site.

Our major considerations that test bores should have been undertaken at specific points to determine the structure and stability of the hillside and building site already determined as a land slip area.

The stream that runs down the hillside from Blue beck Cottage and across the rear of Dalton Cottage and travels down past Orchard Cottage following the track to the road, often floods down heavily in times of heavy rain or snow. The existing drain during bad weather conditions does not cope making it enormously difficult to walk the track on foot and often floods down at these times onto the main road. In order to fully re-divert and take the water away from Dalton Cottage and environs could not be achieved satisfactorily by means of the proposed French drain and then into a soak away. We would rather know exactly where the water is going. A suggestion for this might be a controlled channel above ground instead of buried underground to enable us all to monitor what the water is doing and where it is going.

The second point that we are anxious about is how the foundations are correctly addressed in the re-build. By lying a substantial concrete raft of great weight without taking into account the suggested bores at specific points in order to know where to anchor the building to the very nature of the site could result in making the build unstable. This in the long term could cause the land to move again and that heavy heave could cause serious problems for the stability of Orchard Cottage.

Although we have no objections to the finished plans submitted for the design of Dalton Cottage and welcome the restoration and of a present dangerous and unstable old building being restored to it's former glory by a young family breathing new life into it we do have reservations about the necessary problems in work being carried out to a high standard to avoid any future difficulties as a result of this restoration.

We therefore ask the National Parks who are considering this planning application to assure us that the two major points stressed are given the correct attention as stipulations during the re-build. Your reassurance will give us future peace of mind.

We thank you for your time in taking these concerns fully into account, and will hope to hear from you shortly.

Yours truly,

Suzanne Ellison and Tony Jones.

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24 FEB 2012