

Purple Mountain
Moor House
Castleton
Whitby
North Yorks
YO21 2EQ
8th August 2012

To the planning enforcement committee,

Letter of Objection

I am writing to object to the change of use and the lifting of the planning caveats on the craft units and kiosk at Dalby Courtyard.

Reasons:

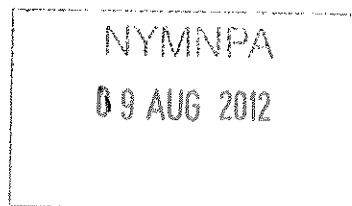
- The public money to build and develop the courtyard and kiosk area was awarded by Rydale District Council , NYMNPA, Yorkshire Forward, and ERDP funding to the tune of £750k was given on the premise that these units would be used for small craft businesses , crafting goods made in the units . They money was not given to develop these for 1 commercial company to then have a monopoly on the courtyard , and have the units as a shop selling goods that are manufactured in the Far East , and a Bike Demo Centre, when there is a Demo Centre facility across the Courtyard at the Cycle Centre.
- The Forestry Commission have excluded and turned down other local cycle businesses in running similar businesses in the court yard, giving no reasons for doing this.
- The FC have also discouraged other crafters from taking on the units , saying that they would have to provide a full business proposal in order to be considered, yet Pace Cycles have not had to submit a business proposal , and the FC have positively encouraged the presence of Pace Cycles.(Please see FC letter enclosed). We have evidence of no business proposal from Pace Cycles , as a Freedom of Information request has been made and showed no evidence of a business proposal from Pace Cycles.
- Mr Eves Forest District Director admits to being a friend of Adrian Carter Director of Pace Cycles, but in a letter we have received from lawyers representing FC, it states that no declaration of interest has been made. Please refer to Nolan Principles.
- Mr Eves is also a good friend of Mr Gil Montague, who was due to take over the Rangers Office space, (the kiosk), that also does not have planning permission to be an office. This office space was never advertised publicly , therefore giving no one else the chance to make an offer on this. Despite there being public interest. Please see attached letter.

- In allowing this change of use the NYMNA are helping to create a monopoly for Pace Cycles, and are prohibiting new craft businesses from obtaining premises that were meant for such local businesses.
- It also detracts from the Visitor Offer within Dalby and the courtyard if the majority of units and other space are dominated by cycle orientated activity, and just by one company.
- Since the development of the craft units in 2005, many crafters have come and gone, and have been disappointed in the fact that the signage was poor from the car park to the courtyard, and that the FC would not let crafters sell or display their crafted items at the Visitor Centre, they would rather sell "their own" items made in China and other Far countries for a greater profit margin. It would appear that the FC has positively discouraged crafters from occupying these units, as it would seem they have always had another agenda from the outset.

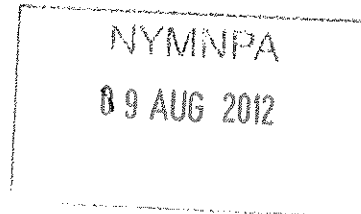
I would like to be informed of the outcome of this decision.

Yours sincerely

Victoria Griffin



Purple Mountain Bike Hire
Low Dalby
Pickering
North Yorkshire
YO18 7LT



Dear Vicky and Ruth ,

I understand that you have concerns about the proposed occupation of the offices and the three workshops units by Pace Cycles. I am sorry that this is so.

We see this as an excellent opportunity to build on the reputation Dalby has and will have as a centre of mountain biking excellence. Pace will add to the mix and will increase the footfall in the Courtyard and introduce a specialised product and different sort of client.

I appreciate that there may be, at the margins, some element of competition. They are not carrying out your core business, nor are they serious competitors in the sale of mountain bikes at the medium to lower end, where I guess the majority of your sales are. I do realise that you do have top end bikes and demo bikes as well. This is the area where there may be some competition, but surely at that end of the market, the buyers are sophisticated and know what they about and will want try your top bikes as well.

I understand that you are not an authorised dealer for Pace products. They have told us they review their dealer network every year, so you could become an authorised dealer in the future if you wished to do so. Even if you not a dealer they could supply non exclusive products and give technical or service support for your cycle stock.

Pace do not promote any particular dealer. Pace promotes its products nationally and they will hopefully attract riders and enthusiasts from around the country to view and to ride their demo bikes in Dalby.

These demo bikes would be displayed inside and outside the workshop
The forest trails would be available for the demo bikes to be ridden on.

We propose a meeting between the Forestry Commission, Pace and Purple Mountain on the 27 May at 3-00 pm at the CPC building. Please can you confirm this by return.

Please appreciate that the opportunity to have Pace as well as Purple Mountain in the Dalby Courtyard is one that is very attractive to us and will put Dalby at the forefront of mountain biking. It is a chance that we cannot afford to miss.

Yours sincerely,

W R G Walton
Area Land Agent

19th May 2010



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SELFLESSNESS

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INTEGRITY

Holders of public office should not place themselves under any financial or other obligation to outside individuals or organisations that might seek to influence them in the performance of their official duties.

OBJECTIVITY

In carrying out public business, including making public appointments, awarding contracts, or recommending individuals for rewards and benefits, holders of public office should make choices on merit.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Holders of public office are accountable for their decisions and actions to the public and must submit themselves to whatever scrutiny is appropriate to their office.

OPENNESS

Holders of public office should be as open as possible about all the decisions and actions that they take. They should give reasons for their decisions and restrict information only when the wider public interest clearly demands.

HONESTY

Holders of public office have a duty to declare any private interests relating to their public duties and to take steps to resolve any conflicts arising in a way that protects the public interest.

LEADERSHIP

Holders of public office should promote and support these principles by leadership and example.

These principles apply to all aspects of public life. The Committee has set them out here for the benefit of all who serve the public in any way.



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1 message

Thu, Apr 12, 2012 at 4:57 PM

Dear Mr. Lee,

As a frequent visitor to Dalby Forest, I have noticed that the Ranger's office opposite the cycle centre has become vacant, and wondered if and when it was available to rent as an office space, as I would be very interested.

I would be most grateful if you could email me back at this address at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

Ms H Locker

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FW: Office space

3 messages

Sun, Apr 22, 2012 at 7:08 PM

The second reply that I got.

Subject: FW: Office space
Date: Mon, 16 Apr 2012 16:21:01 +0100

Dear Ms Locker,

Thank you for your email. The rangers office is let to a gentleman who we have had on our waiting list. I will however have another office becoming available at the end of May if you would be interested.

Kind regards,

Tanya Rex

Business Centre Manager

What waiting list??



From: lee, james
Sent: 12 April 2012 20:21
To: Rex, Tanya
Subject: Fw: Office space

From: hope locker
To: lee, james
Sent: Thu Apr 12 16:55:52 2012
Subject: Office space

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Vic Griffin
To: Ruth Griffin

Sun, Apr 22, 2012 at 8:00 PM

oh yet another friend of Mr Eves - how convenient .
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Vicky Griffin
Director
Purple Mountain Trail Centres

Wed, Jun 6, 2012 at 9:54 PM

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