

Wendy Strangeway

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To Mr P Jones

Dear Mr Jones

as detailed in a letter from Mark Hill I would like to place before the planning committee held on 21/3 an additional letter concerning the application to construct a footpath from the top of Lease Rigg to the N.Y.M.R gift shop at Grosmont.

This is attached.

In the event of the committee passing the application from the Parks, what is the next stage of appeal that is open for me to make?

I presume in a case when the park is hearing an application from itself there will be an independent body to oversee the process?

I would be grateful for confirmation of receipt of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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To the Planning Committee of Thursday 21st of March.

Application no NYM/2013/0052/R3, construction of footpath from top of Lease Rigg to the N.Y.M.R. gift shop at Grosmont.

Dear Members of the Committee.

Having read the recommendation of the Director of Planning and the further submission from the applicant, I am very disappointed that the points raised in my letter of objection have not been answered fully by them.

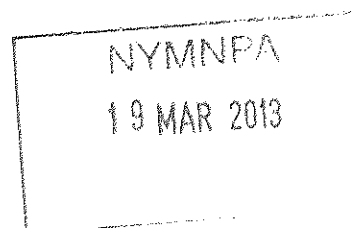
I am forbidden by the "rules" from repeating them and can only plead with you to please please take my objections more seriously than has been the case to date.

It must be obvious that my letter is written from the heart ,with my only wish being to safeguard the viability of the future economy of my village of Grosmont.

Hoping for a favourable judgement.

Phil Naylor

19/3/2013



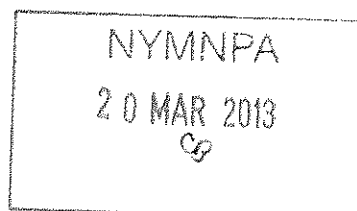
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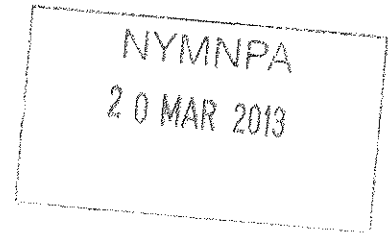
For the attention of Mr. P. Jones

Please find attached further points for consideration before your planning meeting on Thursday.

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To the planning committee
Application no. NYM/2013/0052/R3 construction of a footpath from the top of Lease Rigg

Dear members of the committee,

I wish to add further points against the introduction of an extra section of footpath on Lease Rigg, running down to the engine shed.

Many of the issues have been brought to your attention already and I hope you will give them further consideration. The point about the detrimental impact to businesses in the village must be put in perspective. If any other business in the village, other than the NYMR, were to approach you with an application for a new footpath, solely to forward their own business, would you put as much time and energy into supporting this as you have? It is crucial to consider that individual businesses are important to the 'special qualities' of the National Park and that the village does not sleep. The argument that competition between businesses is not a planning matter will surely mean that you do not consider it important to safeguard all of the facilities within Grosmont – not Rosemont. If there is a further loss of trade to units renting from the Co-op and the shop/post office itself, the village will not retain its character. Will this also mean that all of the notices ushering visitors to the shed shop will then be removed, to retain the village atmosphere? In fact if these notices were effective, then you would not be suggesting a footpath solely on the request of this business. If the signage is not currently effective, then how can you argue it will be for the school and church facilities?

The National Park claims it wishes visitors to 'increase their understanding, awareness and enjoyment of the special qualities of the National Park.' Ask yourself what it is that visitors take away with them from their experience at Grosmont. Is it its rural aspect, gentle, winding pathways, which have been in use for centuries? Is it the viewpoints overlooking the railway? Is it the chance of coming across wildlife? Yes to all of the above. The route you intend to build is not an established path; the land has no history of access. It is a haven for wildlife. Putting in a path will not create a circular walk that walkers will see any point in following. It will disturb wildlife in a previously safe area, deer regularly graze there. It will not create any viewpoints, unless you intend to chop down a lot of trees. In fact, due to the steepness of the descent, all eyes will be firmly fixed on the ground. I presume you will also have to consider a handrail as time goes on. The steepness of the path would not pass a risk assessment for school parties. It will definitely be prone to erosion; the area is very steep and overlain with heavy clay soil. Footfall will create a direction for run off to flow down the hill.

There is a point to try and increase visitor access to the shed site area. If the shed are down in visitor numbers, do they really think all people really want to go there for is to look in a gift shop? Visitors to the shed want to learn more about the locomotives so surely tours of the site are a fantastic way of drawing in custom, even into Armstrong Oilers by arrangement.

Do not forget that the village and railway are very contentious bedfellows here. The Parks will not come out in a good light if they blatantly favour one business over another. Applying to yourselves for planning and ignoring the wishes of the people who live and work here is a blinkered view. Both visitors and locals alike love the countryside here for its hidden, undisturbed, quiet idyll and do not really like unnecessary change, especially if the money would be better spent elsewhere.

Yours in hope
T. Naylor