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For the attention of Mrs Jill Bastow
North York Moors National Park Authority (Planning Department)
The Old Vicarage, Bondgate, Helmsley, York,
North Yorkshire - YO62 5BP

Dear Mrs Bastow

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We wish to express our deep concern regarding planning application
NYM/2015/0885/FL

Our house is located immediately behind and below the paddock on which the proposed "log cabin" is envisaged. We have lived in our house for over 50 years and the peace, privacy, quiet and wildlife of the woodland setting are essential and valuable aspects of our home-life.

We now know that the real intentions of the owner of the paddock is to build a number of log cabins which will be let as holiday homes. He has made this intention clear in published statements on the internet and also in information he has confidentially passed on to at least one neighbouring householder.

A mechanical digger has been working for the last few weekends, gouging out the land (presumably to create level surfaces for the intended log cabins) and a tree surgeon has been taking down a number of substantial trees (we do not know whether the required felling licence has been obtained but we note that 12 more mature trees have been marked* for felling and a tree surgeon has started work on these today). All the noise carries very clearly to our house and we can also see now – through the cleared woodland – where the intended development is to be.

We are devastated to see the hitherto untouched area of woodland, rich in wildlife including birds, badgers and deer, being destroyed. Moreover, we are already experiencing great distress from the ongoing work and we are dreadfully concerned about what will follow. We anticipate that the noise and nuisance factor, arising from the traffic of people and vehicles, will have a huge detrimental impact upon us personally and also upon our neighbours.

We cannot believe that there is a demand for yet more holiday accommodation in the Staintondale area given the high number of holiday lets that already exist (indeed, we hear there is an oversupply). We are concerned about the effect on our access road given that there is already a significant traffic flow between Staintondale and Cloughton – and we cannot see how the intended entry into and exit from the paddock can be made safe. We fear that the owner intends some kind of major alteration to the entrance to the paddock which is likely to involve the removal of hedges and banks. If this is true it will mean another piece of vandalism on what was a beautiful and untouched piece of protected land. However, regardless of any alteration that might be made the road will still remain unsafe for access at that point because it constitutes a dip between two adjacent brows. A clear view – either for drivers on the road or for drivers emerging from the paddock - will not be possible.

We ask you to give serious consideration to our concerns. We also ask that the Planning authority take note of the damage that has already been done and bear in mind the quite clear future intentions of the landowner.

Yours sincerely,

22/11/2013

James and Tonia Carr

* An inspection will currently show that at least 12 mature and significantly large trees have been literally marked – that is, numbered in bright fluorescent paint – for felling. The felling of these has been started today – we cannot say how many have so far been taken down.