

Kerry White (via email)

Planning

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**Comment on Planning Application: E/16/11/LB Smardale Gill Viaduct, Smardale**

**Listed building consent for installation of stainless steel mesh panels along the length of the existing viaduct railings to comply with current safety standards**

Dear Ms White

Friends of the Dales welcomes efforts to make possible the re-opening of Smardale Gill Viaduct, the closure of which has resulted in disruption of routes popular with naturalists and other walkers.

However, we are disappointed in the aesthetic quality of the current proposal. In similar situations where safety is the concern, transparent panels have provided a more acceptable solution, and we would like to see evidence that this and other possibilities have been explored.

Yours sincerely



Dr Malcolm Petyt, Chair of Policy Committee

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