

Andrew Morrison [via email]

Planning

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

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**Comment on Planning Application: S/01/337 Thackthwaite, Dent, Sedbergh**

**Full planning permission for re-occupation of an unoccupied house and conversion of attached barn to residential use; installation of package treatment plan and associated works to form parking and curtilage**

Dear Mr Morrison

Friends of the Dales have reservations about this application, only part of which can be judged within the policy concerning reoccupation of former dwellings. The other part concerns a barn, and should be judged under appropriate policies. It could not be regarded as a “roadside barn”.

We wish to comment on the domestic curtilage and the heritage features of the building. The curtilage needs to be tightly drawn and clearly conditioned; otherwise the impact on the surrounding landscape could be severe. Regarding heritage features, we hope that as many as is consistent with modern living are to be retained. We note, for example, that the “existing porch is to be refitted with pitched roof and new timber door” but there is no indication that the “narrow stone shelving on both sides” in the porch is to be retained; and it is disappointing that the “later (after 1891) derelict stairs next to the porch” are to be removed. We would also hope that the narrow stone staircase in the outshot, with wonderful shelves, will be retained.

Yours sincerely

Dr Malcolm Petyt, Chair, Policy and Planning Committee

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