

Tim Davis (via email)

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**Objection to Planning Application: C/04/698 Crummack Farm, Austwick**

**Full planning permission for siting of five shepherds huts for holiday let accommodation; creation of limestone hardcore track and parking bays, and installation of package treatment plan**

Dear Mr Davis

Friends of the Dales appreciate the wish of the farmer at Crummack to diversify his activities, but object to this application in its current form.

Crummackdale is a particularly quiet and unspoilt dale, with a very special feeling of isolation. The proposed site is highly visible from rights of way and open access areas in all directions. Putting five structures such as these, with provision for six parking places, will inevitably be a visual intrusion in this remote landscape, and the tranquillity of this very quiet place, one of its great attractions, will be diminished by the additional vehicles coming and going.

In our view the proposal would be contrary to the design and environmental standards required under Local Plan policy SP4. "Shepherd Huts" such as these are more like converted railway wagons, and are totally inappropriate in this setting. They stand high on their wheels, making them more visible than a lower height brown camping pod.

If this proposal goes ahead, then the management of the woodland is absolutely critical, in order to retain screening and to cope with ash dieback which will affect many of the trees. Also there will be an inevitable loss of biodiversity interest in the woodland, and measures must be in place to protect and enhance biodiversity.

Yours sincerely



Dr Malcolm Petyt, Chair of Policy Committee



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