

Ms Katherine Wood (via email)

Planning

YDNPA

30 March 2020

Objection to Planning Application: C/33/460C Gam Farm, Moor Road, Grassington

Full planning permission for agricultural diversification scheme to provide open farm visitor attraction, agricultural museum, whisky distillery, ancillary tea-room, visitor toilet facilities and construction of agricultural worker's dwelling

Dear Ms Wood

Friends of the Dales remain concerned about this application. We appreciate the applicant's intention to provide a quality venue displaying past agricultural life in the Dales. However, despite the comprehensive traffic assessment, we do not consider it wise to generate further traffic to this extent through the centre of Grassington.

The photos tend to show a rosy picture of the situation in the village, which is often congested with vehicles trying to negotiate the narrow lanes past large numbers of pedestrians. This is exacerbated by the various delivery vans, trucks and agricultural vehicles that need access. The proposed venture would significantly increase the traffic through incoming staff, along with more deliveries and the tankers needed to clean out the septic tank. While the conclusion might be that the traffic generated will be 'safe' and speeds are not an issue, the key point is increasing use of the already congested lanes, adding to the difficulties of those living and working there.

The suggestion that visitors will be encouraged to use the YDNPA car park at Colvend and walk up through the village is welcomed, but it is not clear how this would work in practice. Nor is it clear how parking at the site will be managed, with the possibility, for instance, of walkers parking there and heading off for the day.

Whilst a collection of historic agricultural equipment could comprise an interesting display, we remain unconvinced that a whisky distillery is a relevant part of the museum project in an area not known for the production of grain.

Not being party to the confidential information submitted with this application, we are unable to assess the need for a dwelling of the size proposed. But we are concerned that, should the venture fail, the dwelling and other structures would remain.

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Because of our continuing concerns about various aspects of this proposal, FOTD wishes to object to the application.

Yours sincerely

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Dr Malcolm Petyt, Chair of Policy Committee

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