

Katherine Wood [via email]

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Objection to planning application: C/33/460B Gam Farm, Moor Road, Grassington

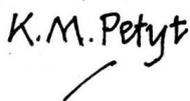
Full planning permission for agricultural diversification scheme to provide open farm visitor attraction, agricultural museum, tea room, visitor toilet facilities, whisky distillery and construction of agricultural workers dwelling

Dear Ms Wood

Friends of the Dales has considerable reservations about the proposal for an agricultural diversification scheme at Gam Farm, Grassington. This is essentially a new enterprise in a location where access is poor, the local roads being narrow and even residents finding access and parking difficult. We have serious doubts about the feasibility of encouraging visitors to use the National Park car park and walk through the village: they are more likely to search for parking in the vicinity, which would be inappropriate. It is not clear how the proposal to provide parking for the disabled and for those with children in pushchairs will be managed so as to prevent other visitors from turning up with an expectation of finding somewhere to park.

Moreover, though not strictly a planning matter, it is unclear how this scheme will contribute to the special qualities of the National Park. The distillation of whisky is not a local tradition, and a farm museum needs much planning and development to be effective.

Yours sincerely



Dr Malcolm Petyt, Chair of Policy Committee

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