

Andrew Morrison [via email]

Planning, Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

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**Objection to Planning Application: R/52/242 Worton Hall, Worton, Leyburn, DL8 3EU for full planning permission for conversion of outbuilding to dwelling and Planning Application R/52/242A/LB Worton Hall, Worton, Leyburn, DL8 3EU for listed building consent for conversion of outbuilding to dwelling**

Dear Mr Morrison

Friends of the Dales **objects** to this application for the following reasons:

We are concerned that the information provided in the applications (the heritage statement and the design & access statement of both applications) is inadequate to be able to make an informed decision. The documentation says virtually nothing about the barn; it refers only to the adjacent listed building, Worton Hall. The barn is within the setting of the listed building which needs to be taken into account. There is no assessment anywhere about the impact the conversion might have on the setting of the listed building.

There is no assessment anywhere as to the historic interest of the barn. From the photos provided it is difficult to discern what historic interest there could be. The policy to convert barns is a conservation policy, i.e. it is intended to conserve the barn and its historic interest. It is not a housing policy per se.

Furthermore, this is not a sensitive conversion; the amount of glazing is excessive and unnecessary. It does not protect or enhance any perceived historic interest of the barn. On the contrary, it adds to the harmful visual impact of the conversion including light pollution at night. In our view, the current proposals would have a harmful effect on the surrounding area and a negative impact on the setting of Worton Hall.

**For the reasons listed above we object to this application.**

Yours sincerely



Wilf Fenten, Chair, Policy and Planning Committee

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