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Planning, Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

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Objection to Planning Application: R/56/185J Thorney Mire Barn, Appersett: Siting of two huts within Ancient Semi-Natural Woodland for short-stay self-catering accommodation.

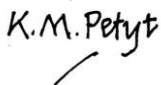
Dear Mr Bishop

Whilst the proposed development of two huts is relatively minor, they are to be located within an Ancient Semi-Natural Woodland, a priority habitat for conservation, and particularly significant within the Dales where the extent of such woodlands is so limited. Over centuries these woodlands have developed rich and complex plant and animal communities that cannot easily be replicated.

The application includes proposals for tree planting, but it will be the management of the woodland that will be critical to its long term survival. However there is no ecological survey of the shrub layers or ground flora, and no indication of how the impacts of construction, including provision of services, will be controlled to avoid damage. Nor is there any information about how this priority habitat will be protected and managed, and how the use of the land around the huts by visitors will be managed to avoid damage to the ecology.

Friends of the Dales therefore wishes to object to this application, as it will impact adversely on an important, scarce and vulnerable priority habitat.

Yours sincerely



Dr Malcolm Petyt, Chair, Policy and Planning Committee

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