

Tim Davies [via email]

Planning, Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

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**Objection to Planning Application: C/44/297 Swash Barn, Newhouses, Horton in Ribblesdale.**

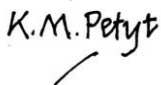
**Full planning permission for conversion of traditional agricultural barn to dwelling for local occupancy or short term holiday lets, together with installation of package treatment plant**

Dear Mr Davies

Friends of the Dales **objects** to this application. Swash Barn is situated well outside the village of Horton-in-Ribblesdale and the hamlet of Newhouses. Whilst its position near a road means that it may fall within current policy, we do not consider it appropriate for conversion to a residential dwelling in such an isolated and rural location. Creating a dwelling in open countryside as here would have adverse effects including the visual impact of a domestic curtilage, the generation of additional traffic, and further demands on services. The “road” itself is a very narrow lane with few passing places, causing difficulties for both residents and farmers; these problems would be exacerbated, especially during building work.

We consider these matters are in conflict with the sustainability policies embedded in the Local Plan, and the purpose of national park designation, i.e. the protection and enhancement of the landscape.

Yours sincerely



Dr Malcolm Petyt, Chair, Policy and Planning Committee

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