

Kerry White [via email]

Planning, Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

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**Objection to Planning Application: R/67/85C
Summerfield Barn, Carlton, Leyburn, DL8 4AZ**

Full planning permission for creation of a 50 m x 30 m riding arena and for associated levelling of ground levels

Dear Ms White

Friends of the Dales object to this application for the following reasons:

The development as proposed is inappropriate for the location. It would necessitate levelling an area of agricultural land the size of an Olympic swimming pool (50 m x 30 m) and then covering it with a mixture of sand, rubber and plastic fibre. The scale and visual intrusion of such a development and the possibility of microplastic pollution causes us concern. The proposed surface would appear to be a very polluting mix of rubber and plastic that will inevitably wash away.

The current proposals should be refused and replaced by a less obtrusive proposal more sympathetically bedded into the local landform. Any new proposal should also include a more ecologically appropriate surface, constraints on lighting to prevent unnecessary light pollution and seek some integration of the track by expanding the existing planting.

Yours sincerely



Wilf Fenten, Chair, Policy and Planning Committee

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