

Tim Davis [via email]

Planning Team

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

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**Comment on Planning Application S/11/21A  
Lower Barn, High Fellside, Middleton, LA6 2NF**

**Full planning permission for conversion of barn to dwelling for local occupancy or holiday let accommodation and installation of package sewage treatment plant**

Dear Mr Davis

**Friends of the Dales has strong reservations about this application for the following reasons:**

Whilst this application is mainly within policy we find the large area of glass for the main opening problematic. We are aware that the Design Guide indicates that large cart door openings should be retained, as features of the original building, and that there are precedents within the National Park for such extensive glazing.

However, over the years these openings with large areas of glass have proved problematic. Not only are they in many cases a source of light pollution but also proved a major hazard for bird. Many architects are even calling for legislation against the use of plain areas of glass.

We therefore ask that the current plans for the main opening be reconsidered. As the Design Guide points out, the glazing should be set back to reduce reflection and would to some extent reduce light pollution too.

**The application should be refused if the current plans for the main opening are not altered.**

Yours sincerely

Signed by Wilf Fenten, Chair, Policy and Planning Committee

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