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Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

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**Comment on Planning Application C/61/13K: Town End Farm, Airton**

**Full planning permission for change of use of land for siting of 4 No. camping pods; installation of bio-disc treatment plant and extension of existing farm building for associated storage**

Dear Mr Davis

Whilst the planned camping pods in this application are clearly and closely associated with the farm complex there is an ambiguity in the plans regarding the PROW footpath.

The OS map of the area clearly shows a PROW running right between two of the planned pods but the application gives no information about how the path will be treated and how the applicant will ensure that the path will remain unobstructed (both during the construction phase and, of course, afterwards). It is also not clear at all how the user experience of that path will not be diminished by passing so closely to the decking and the pods.

If the plans can be amended and clarified to ensure (a) that the footpath will remain unobstructed and (b) the user experience will not be diminished, Friends of the Dales will not object to this application.

However, if (a) and (b) cannot be achieved Friends of the Dales recommends that **the current proposal should be refused**. If amended plans are received Friends of the Dales would be grateful if we could be informed.

Yours sincerely

Signed by Wilf Fenten, Chair, Policy and Planning Committee

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