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Planning Team

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

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**Objection to Planning Application: S/01/324A
Birchentre Barn, Cowgill, Dent, Sedbergh LA10 5RQ**

Full planning permission for change of use of barn to C3 residential use and installation of domestic sewage treatment system

Dear Mr Williams

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

The barn is in poor condition. The structural report makes clear that at least two of the walls would need to be demolished and rebuilt, realigning and bonding with remaining walls. It is acknowledged that there would be risk of “uncontrolled collapse”. Furthermore, the report states that the roof is “not fit for purpose” and would have to be entirely replaced. The first floor would have to be a new structure, too.

This is not the conversion of a barn for conservation purposes, to retain its historic interest and integrity, but is in effect a re-build; the application must be turned down.

The case for refusal is strengthened by the inappropriate glazing on the road side of the barn. The large doorway with concrete lintels was recently inserted. There is no intrinsic historic interest to retain it. If it were to be retained a large glazed opening of this nature would not only be incongruous but also have adverse implications for the Dales dark skies.

For the reasons listed above we object to this application.

Yours sincerely

Signed by Wilf Fenten, Chair, Policy and Planning Committee

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