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Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

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**Objection to Planning Application: R/06/151B Barn west of Scarr House Force Muker
Full planning permission for conversion of traditional stone barn to a camping barn, and
alterations to the existing field access to enable parking for one vehicle**

Dear Ms Heron

Friends of the Dales **objects strongly** to the proposed conversion of this barn to a camping barn. This is a field barn in an isolated position, out in open countryside; moreover its location, on a rise in landform at the top of Swaledale, makes it highly visible and prominent in views from all directions.

It lies well away from any metalled road, and more than 50m from a track, and thus does not fall within policy. The proposed track and parking area are also highly intrusive in this undeveloped part of the dale.

Whilst it is acknowledged that a camping barn is a less intensive use than a dwelling, we still consider this to be an inappropriate use in this location. The applicants do not live locally, so will not be able to adequately oversee the use of the barn, and will be unable to ensure that, for instance, visitors do not take cars up to the barn. Passing responsibility for managing the property to an agent based in a different dale is entirely unacceptable.

Yours sincerely

Signed by Wilf Fenten, Chair, Policy and Planning Committee

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