

Andrew Tait [via email]

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Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

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**Objection to Planning Application: C/45/668
Land at West Close Pasture, Philpin Lane, Chapel-le-Dale, Ingleton, LA6 3AW**

Full planning permission for the installation of a 25 metre high lattice tower supporting 6 no. antennas, 4 no. transmission dishes, 2 no. equipment cabinets, 1 no. meter cabinet and ancillary development thereto including a generator and associated fuel tank, a fenced/walled compound, access track and hard standing area, for the Shared Rural Network project on behalf of Cornerstone

Dear Mr Tait

Friends of the Dales wishes to **object** to this application.

Whilst we understand the need for masts to improve communications, this site falls within a Site of Special Scientific Interest, as well as being located within a remote part of the National Park. For these reasons, we would expect the highest possible standards with regards to the siting and design of the structure, and would remind the applicant of the need to have due regard for national park purposes under S.62 of the Environment Act 1995.

Whilst the proposed site is at a relatively low level, it is still very visually prominent, and will be in clear view from the higher land surrounding it, most of which is open access. Moreover it will be clearly visible along the length of the well-used 3 Peaks route between Ingleborough and Wharfedale. This is an open, remote and special landscape and a structure like this must be sited to avoid such unacceptable visual intrusion. It would introduce an incongruous clutter of built forms and an extensive area of hard-standing. This application needs to be re-considered, and we therefore wish to lodge our objection to the current proposal.

Yours sincerely

Signed by Wilf Fenten, Chair, Policy and Planning Committee

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