

Wendy Thompson (via email)

Planning Team

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

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**Comment on Planning Application C/01/6G  
Brocka Laithe, Otterburn, Airton**

**Full planning permission for change of use of land to domestic curtilage and erection of detached garage (part retrospective)**

Dear Wendy Thompson,

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

The barn was converted under the conservation policies L1, L2 and L3, the aims of which are to conserve the structure and historic interest of the barn and its landscape context. These policies, and the guidance in the Yorkshire Dales Design Guide, seek to ensure that the barn being converted has the physical capacity to accommodate the new use without the addition of further buildings or structures.

This barn conversion has already been compromised by the addition of stabling. The proposal to extend the domestic curtilage yet further and to construct a garage fails to enhance the local landscape or the setting of the barn, and simply adds to the visual clutter around the barn. Had the garaging been included in the original application, we believe it is unlikely it would have been approved.

This kind of creeping development is too familiar in the Dales and such drastic extensions of the domestic curtilage will harm the landscape of the national park. In the recent past, planning officers have been very clear about turning down a subsequent application if it would not have been approved, had it been part of the original proposal.

We therefore object to this application.

Yours sincerely

On behalf of Friends of the Dales  
Chair, Policy and Planning Committee



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