

Andrew Tait [via email]

Planning Team

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

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**Objection to Planning Application: S/05/42A  
Bees Nest Farm, Casterton, CARNFORTH, LA6 2SF**

**Full planning permission for erection of a single dwellinghouse with associated parking and curtilage; installation of package treatment plant, ground source heat pump and roof integrated solar panels**

Dear Mr Tait

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

We consider it very much out of keeping with the rural nature of this area and are concerned that the number of windows and roof lantern will cause excessive light pollution in an otherwise dark-sky area. We note that the application has caused a great deal of concern with local people and especially the Kirkby Lonsdale and District Civic Society (KLDCS) whose concerns we share.

Like the KLDCS we believe that this application is inappropriate, both in scale and composition. As they point out, and we agree, the ridge height of the new proposal appears to be significantly higher than the approved scheme. Whereas the previous proposals kept all the accommodation under sloping roof lines, this new proposal adds large areas of flat roof and extensive roof glazing. These features are not in keeping with the neighbouring houses.

Great weight should be given to the KLDCS comment that the use of a parapet wall around the flat roof does not mitigate the effects of this large bland flat-roofed volume. It is claimed that the link block is some reflection of the previously approved vehicle access way, but as the cladding treatment is mostly solid, any such effect is lost. Furthermore, the framed cladding system is certainly not in keeping with the neighbouring houses. Far from being respectful of the listed farmhouse nearby, the cumulative effect of the large volumes, the flat roofs, the treatment of the link block and the very large chimneys mean that the proposed house will dominate the site.

It is therefore important that the application be refused.

Yours sincerely

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



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