

Andrew Tait [via email]

Planning Team

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

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Objection to Planning Application: C/35/45 Land at Ber Gill, Foxup, Littondale

Full planning permission for the proposed installation of a new telecommunications base station comprising of a 20m lightweight lattice mast with 3 no. radio antennas, 1 no. 600mm dish, 2no 300mm dishes, radio equipment housing, a solar array and ancillary development within a new compound area (Site Ref: 23188)

Dear Mr Tait

Friends of the Dales **objects to this application**. The chosen location is very prominent at the most remote part of Littondale and lies with the Littondale Barns & Walls Conservation Area. Whilst we appreciate that it is important to ensure that all settlements have connectivity, this must not be achieved at the expense of the special qualities of the national park landscape.

We consider that the Landscape & Visual Impact Assessment underestimates the potential impacts. Introducing a vertical built structure in this open and remote location will undoubtedly have a visual impact, drawing and distracting the eye, as well as an impact on local landscape character, and introducing an urban element into the open rural scene.

This location will also require the construction of a track on the 'front', most prominent, side of the hill, which will clearly be widely visible and have an undesirable impact on the local landscape quality.

Moreover, we understand that the route of the track runs through species rich grasslands, one of the most vulnerable and rare habitats. Loss of yet more biodiversity must be resisted. Whilst the applicant has considered other locations, we would ask that further consideration be given to finding a location perhaps using existing structures, and/or linked to local features and lower in altitude, and avoiding vulnerable habitats, to reduce its impact.

Interim Chair, Policy and Planning Committee

On behalf of Friends of the Dales

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