

Mark Williams [via email]

Planning Team

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

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Comment on Planning Application: E/12/27A Piper Hole Barn, Townhead Lane, Ravenstonedale

**Full planning permission for conversion of barn to dwelling
and installation of package sewage treatment plant**

Dear Mr Williams

Friends of the Dales wishes to express its concerns about this application. This is a classic isolated field barn, some way from any settlement or other buildings, accessed along a long track. The design is relatively restrained with limited changes to the external appearance. The barn would appear to have quite a bit of historic interest internally eg. original shippons, but these will of course all be lost in the conversion process.

We are concerned about visual impacts, and the adverse changes to local landscape character, through the introduction of curtilage, parking, etc. We are also concerned about the increase in traffic use along a narrow lane, thus increasing emissions and not meeting sustainability aims.

Whilst the application would appear to fall within current policy, we ask that the Planning Committee consider the long term implications carefully.

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

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