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Planning Team

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

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Objection to Planning Application: Land at Ribblehead Quarry, Ribblehead Station

Full planning permission for the removal of 2no. 7.5m timber monopoles each supporting 1no. omni antenna (2no. omni antennas in total) and the installation of a new 17.5m lattice mast, supporting 3no. omni antennas, 3no panel antennas. 2no. 600mm diameter transmission link dishes, 2no. V-Sat dishes, 1no. foul weather enclosure, cable ladders, 1no. generator and 1no. electricity meter cabinet and ancillary development thereto. The existing airwave equipment room and 1no. electricity meter cabinet will be retained in-situ and 1no. existing V-Sat dish will also be retained but moved within the compound

Dear Mr Tait

Friends of the Dales **objects** to this application.

The site proposed for a new mast is incredibly prominent being visible from all directions - from Ingleborough, Wharfedale and across the valley towards Pen-y-Ghent, all of which is open access land and with key footpaths and is one of the most remote parts of the national park.

The area has become increasingly important for nature recovery noting Wild Ingleborough and especially the now disused quarry which has vegetated over wonderfully with a rich array of native species since being handed over to the national park authority some years back.

Whilst there are existing masts, they are relatively unobtrusive, and this proposal is for a mast more than twice the height which would be clearly visible.

We note also that two previous applications (2021 and 2022) for a mast here were turned down, on the same visual impact grounds as resulting in significant harm to this highly sensitive and distinctive landscape within the national park. We do not see any material difference with this new proposal hence our objection. We request that alternative sites to be properly considered.

Chair, Policy and Planning Committee

On behalf of Friends of the Dales

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