

Michael Joyce [via online submission]

Case Officer

Planning Inspectorate

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Re: Appeal lodged to S/11/25 - camping pods High Fellside APP/C9499/W/23/3332902

Friends of the Dales is a registered charity which takes an active interest in significant development proposals within or close to the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

Friends of the Dales objected to this application [S/05/25] for camping pods when the application was under consideration by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority.

We now wish to submit the following comment on the above Appeal:

In our objections to the application we commented on the reasons given by the application for the development, which we found entirely unconvincing. We also objected to the material of the proposed pods, namely plastic “artificial grass” which we consider unsustainable.

We have studied the report of the Planning Officer, and fully support their view that the proposal is contrary to several relevant policies. These policies relate to new developments in the countryside, landscape impact and the proposed landscaping of the site, and in particular the NPPF policy that development should conserve and enhance the landscape and scenic beauty of the National Park.

The proposed pods with their curtilage, and the access track and parking area for 6 cars would domesticate and suburbanise an area of pastoral landscape well away from other developments.

Members of our charity who live locally or have walked in the area confirm that the proposed development would be prominent in the view for walkers on the major footpath from Barbon over the Middleton Fells (PROW 555017), for those walking the open access areas on Holme Fell and Middleton Fell, and in views across the valley from the area around Killington.

We urge the Inspector to dismiss this Appeal.

Chair Policy & Planning Committee



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