

Andrew Tait [via email]

Planning Team

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

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**Objection to Planning Application: C/06/63 A - Land at Barden, Bolton Abbey, Skipton
Full planning permission for the installation of a 25m lightweight lattice mast with 3 no. radio
antennas, 2 no. 600mm dish, radio equipment housing, an electrical generator & fuel tank and
ancillary development.**

Dear Mr Tait

Friends of the Dales wishes to object to this application.

This mast, at 25m. high, will be visible from wide stretches of Wharfedale and the surrounding open access moorlands, being located as it is on the slopes below Simon's Seat, on the shoulder of land that pushes out into Wharfedale. The area is currently forested, but of course such trees get felled!

It is noted that in resubmitting the application following withdrawal of the previous application the proposal is 7m to the west of the original and 5m lower in height. However this does not alter the concerns and that in the documents the applicant does not set out the non-spots in mobile connectivity so it is not clear as to the precise need for this additional mast given the presence of others in the vicinity.

The applicant's Landscape & Visual Impact survey itself categorises the land as being of high landscape value, high sensitivity and high susceptibility to development. Yet despite this the conclusion is that the introduction of a tall man-made structure into open countryside will have 'negligible' impact. We are at a loss to know how they managed to reach this conclusion; in our view they are underestimating the impact of a new man-made structure in a wide open rural context.

Yours sincerely

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

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