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Planning

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

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**Objection Planning Application: E/11/54A – Agricultural building
Land West of Waingap Lane, Kelleth, Penrith
Full planning permission for erection of an agricultural livestock building with ancillary concrete
apron, and underground slurry tanks**

Dear Mr Nesbit

Friends of the Dales objections to this application for a large and intrusive development in open countryside, thus impacting on the primary purpose of landscape conservation in the national park. We support the objection of Orton Parish Council to this application.

Whilst the application has some innovative features such as the under-storage of slurry, overall we feel it is contrary to a number of principles in the YDNPA design guide, namely

Agricultural Development 7.1.1 Key factors

1. SITING. New agricultural buildings and other structures should be sited in places where they are not dominant or discordant features in the landscape.

The proposal does not fulfil either of these criteria and will be an extremely obvious and incongruous feature in the landscape.

2. DESIGN. Large agricultural buildings need to be designed so that their apparent scale is sympathetic to the landscape and surrounding buildings.

Creating a second building the size of the current one will make a dominant feature in a landscape where there are no similar buildings.

3. MATERIALS. The materials and finish of the buildings and structures should blend in with the colours and hues of the natural landscape or village.

The proposals are to use materials similar to the building in situ. These certainly do not blend with the surroundings and should be much darker in greens or browns if this criteria is to be fulfilled.

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4. PLANTING. Proposals should include adequate landscape planting to soften the visual impact of the new development and improve the landscape setting of the whole site.

Although there is some mature woodland to the east this does little to screen the development. Very extensive woodland planting would be necessary to screen the whole site and this does not form a part of the application.

5. LIGHTING. Agricultural buildings should be designed to avoid light pollution by keeping the number of roof lights to a minimum and the screening opens of open sided buildings. External lighting should be kept to the minimum necessary for safety and security.

It is unclear what the proposals are for artificial lighting of the building. However, being for stock housing will necessitate the use of all night lighting which will inevitably lead to some form of light pollution in this very dark area. This raises significant concerns about impact on the International Dark Skies designation of the national park.

Conclusion

It can be seen from the above observations that the proposal does little to fulfil any of the above planning criteria. We regard this as an unsuitable development in a quiet part of the national park and we recommend refusal.

Yours sincerely

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

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