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Planning

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

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**Objection to Planning Application: S/01/368A Field to north Green Cottage Dentdale (solar panels)
Full planning permission for alteration of ground level and installation of 51no. solar panels in 3
rows**

Dear Mr Nesbit

Friends of the Dales wishes to **object** to this proposal to install 51 solar panels at the top of a sloping field behind Green Cottage, Dentdale.

We generally support policy CP7 Energy Requirements of the new Local Plan. This is rightly rooted in a presumption against large scale low carbon energy such as large solar arrays or industrial scale wind generation which would be damaging to the special qualities of the national park.

However, microgeneration for community and environmental benefit can be supported but a solid business case with demonstrable benefits must be provided. This proposal for 51 solar panels seems excessive for energy supply to one property - Green Cottage – but without any justification from the applicant and lack of detailed information it is not possible to properly appraise the application.

Possibly onward supply is planned and presumably that might include the barn directly adjacent to Green Cottage which has extant permission given in 1985 for conversion to a dwelling house, and further permission in 2025 to install a sewage treatment plant (S/01/368).

Without a clear business case demonstrating benefits to the community and environment, which is required for a microgeneration proposal, this appears to be a speculative application. In our view introducing such a large array of solar panels would be incongruous development into tranquil and beautiful open countryside, damaging the special qualities of the national park.

Yours sincerely

Chair, Policy and Planning Committee

On behalf of Friends of the Dales

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