Peter Eggleton

Planning

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

Via email   28 March 2018

Comment to planning application: **C/13/139C/GDO mast at Manor House Farm, Cray**

Dear Peter

Friends of the Dales (Yorkshire Dales Society) are concerned that the site proposed for the mast is adjacent to a small water course, which is surrounded by a small area of wetland on the limestone. Wetland on limestone is an unusual habitat, and here it has created an exceptionally botanically rich area, full of rare flowering species including orchids. This wetland area is also directly adjacent to the well used path that goes from Cray across the top of Wharfedale to Hubberholme and Yockenthwaite. Friends of the Dales know from walks that have been taken along this track how well-known and well-loved this little wetland area is, but also how rare and vulnerable its botanical interest is.

Should planning permission be granted, then Friends of the Dales ask that restrictions be placed upon the operator to ensure that no parking, storage of materials or other potentially damaging operations are allowed to impact on this wetland area.

Yours sincerely

K.M.Petyt

Dr Malcolm Petyt, Chair of Policy Committee

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