

Mandy Cooper (via email)

Planning

Craven District Council

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Objection to planning application: 2018/19013/LBC Provision of new Customer Information Screens new Public Address System, Installation of new CCTV , Installation of new Ticket Vending Machine refurbishment of Waiting Room lighting. Settle Railway Station

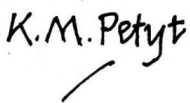
Dear Ms Cooper

Friends of the Dales (Yorkshire Dales Society) have reservations about the application for Settle Station. It is difficult from the information provided to understand the full implications of the proposal. However, the proposal does appear to be following a standard approach, one that may be suitable for larger, urban stations, but Settle Station is within a Conservation Area, and is a small, rural station with exceptional historic interest. As such, it needs a sensitive approach to changes to avoid adversely affecting its historic integrity and character.

Friends of the Dales welcome changes that improve safety and efficiency, such as providing an information screen, but we question the need for 14 CCTV cameras at such a small, relatively quiet station. The number should be reduced to an acceptable minimum. Are three 6 metre columns really necessary? They would not contribute to the historic character of the station in any way, and suitable existing structures should be used wherever possible. Is there a need for a new ticket vending machine on Platform 2? All passengers have to pass through Platform 1, and will therefore go past the TVM proposed there. Any lighting needs to be carefully controlled to avoid unnecessary light pollution.

**Friends of the Dales want the applicants to be asked to modify their proposal to make it less obtrusive and more in keeping with the character of the station.**

Yours sincerely



Dr Malcolm Petyt, Chair of Policy Committee

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