

Andrew Bishop [via email]

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

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Comment on Planning Application: R/56/491 Mike Barn Appersett

Dear Sir

The Yorkshire Dales Society asks that permission to convert Mike Barn be refused.

Mike Barn is one of three small field barns along Lanacar Lane in a particularly quiet location in open countryside. The conversion of Mike Barn would irrevocably alter the quiet rural nature of the area, but more significantly it would set a precedent. Should the other two barns be converted, the area would be transformed, being dominated by dwellings rather than agricultural use as at present. In addition the lane is narrow and winding, and an increase in traffic along here would cause difficulties, put further pressure on the provision of services, as well as threaten the verges which contain very rich plant communities. The Yorkshire Dales Society believes that should conversion be permitted, then there would be an unacceptable reduction in the special qualities of the National Park, which would also adversely impact on its value to tourists.

Yours sincerely



Dr Malcolm Petyt, Chair of Policy Committee

The Yorkshire Dales Society was founded in 1981 and is a registered charity and company limited by guarantee. The Society is free of political and financial affiliations. We work to ensure that the Government, the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, and other relevant agencies deliver their obligations to care for the special qualities of the Yorkshire Dales, an internationally important area. We do this by considering major planning applications and policy development affecting the Yorkshire Dales and adjacent areas. We also offer a year round programme of walks and talks so that everyone can enjoy and learn more about this beautiful area and why it needs protection. The Society has a membership of around 1,200 individuals, families, businesses and organisations.