

Comments for Planning Application 42/2016/17496

Application Summary

Application Number: 42/2016/17496

Address: Land To The West Of Hellifield Skipton North Yorkshire BD23 4HJ

Proposal: Outline application for the development of a leisure centre, including swimming pool, hotel and visitor accommodation, including up to 300 lodges, a park & ride facility, pedestrian access to Hellifield Station, parking areas, bus and coach drop off point. Landscaping including ground modelling and water features.

Case Officer: Mr Neville Watson

Customer Details

Name: Not Available

Address: Yorkshire Dales Society Canal Wharf, Eshton Road Gargrave

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Amenity Group

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Affect local ecology
- Development too high
- Out of keeping with character of area
- Over development
- Residential Amenity

Comment: The Yorkshire Dales Society strongly objects to this Application on the following grounds:

1. The loss of valuable amenity and recreational "green space" to the residents of and visitors to the village of Hellifield.
2. The significant adverse impact on wildlife both during and after construction. The site hosts a number of birds, both migratory and resident and is a component of the Long Preston Deeps complex. We understand that of the 157 species present, 35 are on the conservation "Red List". The site is also host to the protected Great Crested Newt. The series of flash ponds provide an important wildlife habitat and disturbance or attempted reconfiguration of these would result in significant loss of wildlife and should not be permitted.
3. The scale of the proposed complex is far too large for its location. Recreational facilities within the Dales are generally small scale, thus contributing to local economic activity, rather than creating separate settlements that would substantially increase traffic levels and overwhelm adjacent communities.

4. There would be significant adverse impact on the views from the open access areas and public rights of way on higher land to the north, within the Yorkshire Dales National Park. The introduction of a major development such as this would result in inappropriate changes to the rural landscape character of Hellifield and its surrounds.