Planning Department

Harrogate Borough Council

Via email   20 December 2017

Objection to Planning Application: 17/04907/FUL Dob Park Lodge

Repair and conversion of ruined 17th century lodge building to form dwelling to include

erection of detached garage, dry stone wall and gates, installation of package treatment plant

and formation of external access steps and access track (Revised scheme)

Dear Sir/Madam

Friends of the Dales objects to this application on the grounds that the proposed use of the ruin as a dwelling would harm the setting of the building and the surrounding landscape character. The site, in the Nidderdale AONB, is visually prominent, including from the popular Six Dales Trail long distance route and from footpaths close to the much visited Swinsty reservoir. The local landscape is dominated by the ruin and its undeveloped hinterland; its residential development would significantly damage this setting. This proposal does not appear to be a conversion, rather it would be effectively a new dwelling in the open countryside and, as such, in our view should not be supported.

Yours sincerely

K.M.Petyt

Dr Malcolm Petyt, Chair of Policy Committee

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