

The Planning Inspectorate

COMMENTS ON CASE (Online Version)

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Appeal Reference: APP/P2935/W/20/3244389

DETAILS OF THE CASE

Appeal Reference

Appeal By

Site Address

SENDER DETAILS

Name

Address

ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

In what capacity do you wish to make representations on this case?

- Appellant
- Agent
- Interested Party / Person
- Land Owner
- Rule 6 (6)

What kind of representation are you making?

- Final Comments
- Proof of Evidence
- Statement
- Statement of Common Ground
- Interested Party/Person Correspondence
- Other

YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

I write as the Church of England Assistant Curate in the neighbouring benefice. I have lived in Otterburn for over 18 months now, and have quickly come to appreciate greatly the wildness of the landscape in this area. I am of the personal opinion that additional 'tourist attractions' need to be very carefully considered in relation to the effect that they will have in detracting from the enjoyment of the landscape by those who come here specifically for that purpose (eg climbers, trail bikers, walkers, horse riders, wild swimmers). As there is almost no public transport, all who come to see the Ascendant will need to drive, which is not environmentally friendly; there are insufficient local services for their needs (eg toilet facilities are very limited); and their very coming will change the nature of the landscape. The proposed feature seems to offer very little merit, and no relationship with Her Majesty the Queen. Given that there is a strong voice of objection (more people than live within the local area!) it is clear that local people do not perceive potential benefit by the provision of this structure (which is not be a a gift, but will require people to subscribe to its creation!). Objecting together has become an inverse source of community cohesion - I would prefer to see some positive proposals that would help to develop community in this area of scattered population, and any landowner concerned for the area in which he lives would be well advised to consider how he might improve the local infrastructure, rather than generate opposition just to satisfy his own whim.