

Comments for Planning Application 19/00247/FUL

Application Summary

Application Number: 19/00247/FUL

Address: Land At Cold Law Kirkwhelpington Northumberland

Proposal: Construction of a publicly accessible landmark, commissioned to commemorate Queen Elizabeth II and the Commonwealth.

Case Officer: Mrs Katherine Robbie

Customer Details

Name: Ms Sarah Morpeth

Address: Town Foot, Elsdon, Newcastle Upon Tyne, Northumberland NE19 1BH

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: What a disastrous project. I wholeheartedly object to this nonsensical proposal. It is entirely out of keeping with the area and I fail to see any grounds for saying that it will encourage tourism. I have a holiday cottage at Elsdon and the repeated comments over twenty years are that people come here for the wildness and unspoilt landscape - which this ugly erection will destroy. To reiterate what others have said - the proposal, by means of its excessive height and industrial appearance, would be harmful to the character of this area of open countryside. Together with its access and car park it would intrude upon the locality's valued aspects of wildness and tranquillity and detract from the quiet enjoyment of countryside users. It would neither protect nor enhance the landscape, contrary to development plan policies, particularly NE1 of the Tynedale Local Development Framework Core Strategy (2007) and TM4 of the Tynedale District Local Plan (2000). It would also conflict with the emerging Northumberland Local Plan Pre-submission Draft (Regulation 19) (January 2019), particularly policy ENV4 which requires proposals to demonstrate that, where a sense of openness of the open countryside is a key quality of the local landscape character, that this will not be reduced and that the quiet enjoyment of the landscape is maintained. Any benefits to the local tourism economy are not sufficient to outweigh the harm that would result. And as I've stated, as someone who has been involved in the local tourist economy for years and whose livelihood in part depends on it, I am absolutely certain that this will not bring anything but criticism from my visitors - it ruins exactly what people love about coming here.