

**Application Summary**

Application Number: 20/00698/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: Mr Gordon Halliday

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**Customer Details**

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**Comment Details**

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons: I fully concur with all points presented by the 'Keep the Wannies Wild' group as objections to the latest plan (20/00698/FUL) that has been submitted for planning approval.

The new changes to the plans for the 'Ascendent' bear little relation to the overall problem which is that the proposed structure, standing over 55metres high, is a massive overbearing entity and does not sit in harmony with the character of the landscape. This is contrary to the opinion of the applicant that states 'from most aspects it occupies a narrow part of the view and does not disrupt views over the landscape'. I question how such a massive structure will not take centre stage in the area it is to be situated in.

The massive sculpture is not a development that would protect and enhance the qualities of the landscape and it would introduce a form of urbanization to the countryside. The plan submitted will impact on the local roads, (themselves not appropriate for large volumes of traffic) and it is openly stated in the submission that the Landmark would undoubtedly attract local, national and international media attention and therefore having the potential to bring in many scores of viewers, far more than the roads and the 29 proposed site parking places could cope with.

The landscape at Cold Law and its surroundings needs to remain in its wild form. I conclude my objection to the project with a quotation borrowed from Martin Bewick..."If you put something that size in the landscape, you prevent anyone from ever again experiencing that landscape in a more natural state"