

## 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.

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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:- Having read the new reports on tourism, employment and public consultation provided by the proposers I can see no difference to why I objected to the previous applications. This whole charade is about Davenport's ego!

I strongly object to the proposed erection of this hideous "Queen Elizabeth 2 monument" (Now apparently called the Ascendant) at cold law in Northumberland just a couple of miles from where I live! This monument would be very damaging to a local site of natural beauty and a blot on the landscape. Lord Davenport has proposed this without the backing of the monarch and it is disgraceful he is using the Queens name to gain popularity. This monument is basically a "folly to Davenport"! all to satisfy his enormous ego!

This area is already very well used by families who live and other who are visiting the area (locally know as "the wilds of wanny") for picnics, climbing, bird watching and walking. Why would you let it be destroyed by a hideous structure three times taller than the Angel of the North?

Coupled with the previous points is the damage that will be done to the local area through increased traffic and all the other human failings such as litter, no toilets going to be available etc etc

The road to this monument will be from the crossroads at Knowesgate, an area already infamous for the amount of accidents and near misses at the crossroads there!

### Other points to consider

Something of this height would need a massive concrete structure to support it – carbon footprint would be phenomenal!

We currently have windfarms in this area, all of which serve a green purpose, however the structures only have a 25-year licence and can be removed after that period.

I am part of a Facebook group (most made up of local people like myself who currently enjoy the Wannies. So far, we have 2000 members who object to this monument and the group is growing.

Please stop this monstrosity before it begins and stick to your previous decision

### Other points raised from various local discussions!

- The 'Keep the Wannies Wild' group has almost 2000 members who oppose this development and very few people support it.
- The monument would look an alien feature, being excessively high, drawing the eye by its tilted shape and interrupting the openness of the landscape.
- It is different from the wind turbines which are light coloured and at least fulfil a useful purpose
- It is the CONTEXT that is important here rather than the detailed design. This monument is just not appropriate for its landscape context.
- Instead of helping tourism it would deter existing tourists who come to enjoy the beautiful open landscape.
- There is no evidence that it would boost employment.