

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 (email: planningcomments@northumberland.gov.uk)

Customer Details

Name: James Skelly

Address: 1 Barnhill Farm Cottages Capheaton. NE19 2AE

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons: This enormous metal spike would be totally out of place in this area of natural beauty, which draws many visitors who come to enjoy the relatively unspoilt and wild nature of the area. Rather than attract visitors this eyesore would discourage them as it would undoubtedly detract from what makes this part of the country special. I earn my living from the tourist industry and I have no doubt that this project, if it goes ahead, will damage the attractiveness of the area as a tourist destination. The applicant refers to the importance of community but he has consistently disregarded the feelings of the local community who have made it clear from the outset that they do not want this monstrous vanity project imposed on them against their will. It is significant that the small amount of support he has been able to gather comes from well outside this area. He has shown contempt for the community and for local democracy, as this is his second attempt to get this project approved after it was solidly rejected by the council last year and despite the fact that the result of his appeal to the planning officer over that decision has yet to be announced. This is the wrong site for this structure and I'm sure that a much more suitable project to honour her majesty the Queen could be found .