

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: Mrs wendy reed

Address: 5 Aydon Square, Crofton Grange, Blyth, Northumberland NE24 4LA

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I do not live in the vicinity of this proposed construction however I run an art studio in Kirkwhelpington.

I am vehemently opposed to the erection of 'the spire' in this location.

In my daily working life I come into contact with hundreds of tourists and visitors to the area and without exception they visit to take in and enjoy the stunning wild landscape it has to offer. It is the rugged, unspoiled views and scenery which attract so many to our beautiful county and I feel that this installation will spoil the very thing people come to enjoy.

The proposed style, design and size of the 'art' is in a complete juxtaposition to the landscape. It is of an industrial design more in keeping with shipyards of Tyneside than a rural setting. I have no objection to a commemorative feature in the area but this is not appropriate. Perhaps an area of native planting or a commemorative walk would be more appropriate.

As for the 'landmark' bringing in tourists, I fail to see any evidence of this in the planning documentation. I would also argue that it will in fact do the opposite, putting off people who wish to visit and enjoy the natural beauty of Northumberland. If tourists were to come to see to the 'art' they would simply drive up to it, take a selfie and leave. This would actually be detrimental with the environmental impact far outweighing any potential benefit to the rural economy (benefits for which again I see no supporting evidence in the planning documentation).

I strongly suggest this planning application is refused.