

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: Mr Tim Bird

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Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I have registered as Member of Public, however I am effectively a Neighbour living only 30 miles away and regularly visiting the area. As with so many "public art" installations no thought has been made to the Environment, I have no problem with the money being spent, it is not after all public money, but I do have a problem with intrusive "industrial" structures being placed in wilderness environments, why do some people think they can improve our recreational environment by building on it, I and many other people value Northumberland for its wilderness quality, something that is difficult to find in much of England and something that is known to be of benefit to health, both mental and physical, when experienced.

Why stick a dirty great steel/iron structure, 200ft high, in the middle of an otherwise unspoiled area, The other question I would ask is has anyone fully thought through the environmental impact of such a structure, let's say conservatively the Base will need to be in the region of 10,000 tonnes of cement, the manufacture of which will liberate 12500 tonnes of CO2 to the atmosphere, the equivalent of an extra 2800 cars on the road for 12 months, should we not all be thinking of ways to reduce CO2 in whatever small way we can? If we must have a monument to HM Queen how about using the money to plant a small or indeed large broadleaf forest, a fitting and lasting Monument that would have enormous environmental impact, but in the correct way