

# 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: Dr David Baines

Address: Little Ridsdale, West Woodburn, Hexham, Northumberland NE48 2SD

## Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I must object most strongly to this proposed development.

Firstly, it seems that the consultation has been very limited by area and, so far as I am aware, many people in West Woodburn have not been directly contacted regarding the application.

Specific reasons for my objection are as follows:

1. While I have no general objection to monuments to the Queen and certainly am not qualified to judge its artistic merit, this one seems to be totally inappropriate to the area. The size of the landmark and its "industrial" design are completely out of keeping with this wild and beautiful area. A much more appropriate monument for this area would seem to be along the lines of walking trails so not to interfere with the skyline and the wonderful views enjoyed in all seasons by many people (either on foot or from their vehicle).
2. The area has already had to withstand the development of 2 wind farms in the immediate area around the proposed site for the monument. One might ask what more could be done to destroy the beauty of the area which largely results from its wildness?
3. Similarly, the stated aim to increase tourism would be commendable in an area with the infrastructure to support it. This is clearly not the case here. The road past the site is unsuitable for increased traffic and the local villages have only very limited facilities for toilet breaks, etc. The risk of undue disruption to the local population therefore appears to heavily outweigh any possible benefits.

I urge for all these reasons that this application be refused.