

SEDBERGH PARISH COUNCIL – Planning Report – 9 February 2017

The Planning Committee met on 26 January 2017

Present: Cllrs. Capstick, Sedgwick, Longlands and Atkins

Apologies: Cllr. Allan

Declarations of interest: None

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

The Planning Committee, in the exercise of its delegated powers, has submitted the following comments to the YDNPA on behalf of the Council:

S/03/622A/LB - Listed building consent for works comprising i) repair separation fracture to arch barrel, ii) re-point top of central pier and remove vegetation, iii) re-point upstream parapet and remove vegetation at Millthrop Bridge, Sedbergh.

The Council supports this essential work to the bridge and requests that the recent damage to the (south-eastern) wing wall is repaired at the same time so as to minimise disruption.

S/03/101K - Full planning permission for erection of extension to existing loading bay at Birks Mill, Sedbergh.

The Council supports this application.

PLANNING DECISIONS:

The YDNPA has advised the Council of its decisions on planning applications as follows:

S/03/209/H - Full permission for erection of general purpose agricultural building at Riddings, Howgill, Sedbergh

Approved with conditions

S/03/101/J - Full permission for partial demolition and re-building of first floor walls and roof due to structural instability at Birks Mill, Birks Lane, Sedbergh

Approved with conditions

PROTECTED TREES:

The YDNPA has advised that consent has been granted for the following works:

Reduction of the crown of an alder situated on the banks of the River Rawthey in order to reduce the branch end weight so that potentially less leverage force is placed on the weakened stem. *(Note – this is work initiated by the Parish Council on land for which it has responsibility.)*

ARTICLE 4 DIRECTION (YDNPA)

In March 2016 the Government introduced a new permitted development right to allow light industrial premises to be converted to one or more dwellinghouses without full planning

permission. The permitted development right is due to come into force on 1st October 2017 and would operate for a temporary 3 year period.

On 16th January 2017 the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority made an 'Article 4 Direction'. The effect of this Direction, if it is confirmed by the Authority, is to remove this permitted development right.

There is now a 6 week period within which interested parties can make representations on the proposed Direction.

The YDNPA has put forward a number of reasons for taking this measure, principally that existing workshops might be lost and opportunities for developing new business premises within the National Park are limited. Within Sedbergh Parish there are a number of light industrial premises (some presently vacant).

The Article 4 Direction would not necessarily prevent the change of use of a building from light industrial to residential but it would ensure that planning control over such proposals is retained (and, as now, enabling the Parish Council to comment on any applications).

The deadline for comments is 27 February.