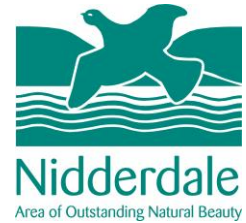


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APPLICATION TYPE: 010 Other Minor
APPLICATION NO 18/00449/FUL
PROPOSAL Erection of building to house distillery vats, gift shop and group workshop space.
LOCATION Dacre Banks
GRID REF:
APPLICANT: Mr T Whittaker

The site for the proposed building is approximately 1.5kms from Dacre Banks in an isolated and tranquil location that is otherwise unaffected by development. The un-surfaced track to the Farm is popular with walkers over much of its length. The building design is inappropriate and of poor quality and bears no design relationship to surrounding buildings. There is no assessment of the impact of the building on the AONB's landscape.

However, Whittaker's Gin is an innovative local business. The Committee's representatives would be very willing to review options for future expansion in a way that can complement the AONB's special qualities. A visitor centre could be a valuable addition to Nidderdale's range of tourist attractions, but a tourism attraction coupled with a retail operation in this location would cause harm to the AONB.