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Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

FROM	AONB - JAC
TO	Chief Planner
OUR REF	
DATE	2 February 2017
ORIGINATOR	Nidderdale AONB Manager

PLANNING CONSULTATION

APPLICATION TYPE:	54 Discharge of conditions
APPLICATION NO	17/00196/DISCON
PROPOSAL	Application for approval of details required under conditions 3 (Landscaping), 6 (Paint/stain colour/shade) and 7 (External lighting) of permission 16/03469/FUL - Erection of 10 wooden camping cabins
LOCATION	Grantley
GRID REF:	
APPLICANT:	Mr And Mrs Nicholson

My observations on the above application are as follows:-

The AONB's Joint Advisory Committee (JAC) supports this application in principle in accordance with the 2014/ 2016 AONB Management Plan policy L6:

Encourage sustainable development to create affordable housing, new enterprise based on environmental qualities including farm diversification and green tourism ventures, small-scale renewable energy schemes and other small-scale development that makes a positive contribution to maintaining landscape character and to the repair of damaged or degraded landscape features but to we want to make sure that the development

However, the plans that accompany the application for approval of details do not contain any information about how the field in which the pods are to be situated will be managed. The JAC will seek to ensure that the structure and composition of the grassland surrounding the pods is maintained in its current state as rough pasture, albeit with the addition of other native plants characteristic of this type of habitat. To be clear, the JAC would not support regular mowing of the field, the application of fertilizer or other work that would result in a change to its existing character. The JAC would also welcome information on the width of the proposed access tracks that will be constructed to serve the pods.

Finally, Carpinus betulus is not characteristic of the locality. Quercus robur would be more appropriate.

Signed