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Dear Sir

Kirby Hill MSA Planning Application

I would be most grateful if you would accept this letter as my formal objection to the planning application regarding the proposed construction of an MSA at Kirby Hill.

My main objection to the application is because I believe it to be totally unnecessary as the Wetherby services are only 14 miles South of Kirby Hill. There are also the existing facilities 14 miles to the North at Leeming Bar which the owner wishes to upgrade to an MSA. Considering the Government's guidelines of 28 miles (30 mins) between MSA's there is absolutely no requirement for one at Kirby Hill.

I would also wish to raise objections on the following grounds :-

1. The proposed 43 acre site is so large and close to Kirby Hill that I believe the unique character and appeal of the village will be totally lost.
2. The village sits perfectly between the Yorkshire Dales and Moors offering some of the best views in Yorkshire enjoyed not only by locals but tourists alike. This proposal will be nothing but a blot on the landscape, totally destroying the beauty and charm of the local landscape.
3. I believe the economic impact of this proposal to be severe, not only will much trade be lost to Boroughbridge as it is currently 'local Services' but also the tourist trade will be badly hit due to the proximity of the MSA.
4. The environmental impact on the local area will, I believe be quite severe in terms of noise, refuse and light pollution as well as all the safety aspects surrounding increased traffic and potential risk of increased crime. The existing infrastructure, especially the sewage infrastructure is already under great pressure due to all the other building works currently underway.
5. The previous applications have all been refused by Harrogate Borough Council because they believe it unnecessary and would cause substantial harm to the local area. I totally support that view.

Government policy itself calls for protecting the countryside from unnecessary development and as the Kirby Hill proposal does not even fit into Government guidelines on where to site MSA's I see no practical reasons why this proposal should be allowed to go ahead.

Yours faithfully



Maurice Latham