



Rachael Simpkin (by email)
High Peak Borough Council

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Our ref:

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Dear Rachael,

HPK/2016/0317 – Pennine Aggregates

Thankyou for consulting the PDNPA on this proposal. The site is approximately 2km from the National Parks Boundary.

The Peak District Landscape Strategy and Action Plan (LSAP) includes areas outside of the National Park. The site is included in the LSAP in the Limestone Plateau Pastures landscape character type within the White Peak. Key characteristics of this area include amongst other things, a rolling upland plateau, pastoral farmland enclosed by limestone walls, a regular pattern of small to medium sized rectangular fields and open views to surrounding higher ground. One of the priorities identified in the action plan for this this landscape character type is to protect and maintain the historic field patterns.

Whilst the site is outside the National Park, its importance in terms of setting of the National Park is emphasized by inclusion in the National Parks landscape strategy and action plan, and its identified landscape character type.

The site is open to view from within the National Park, with the National Park also visible as a backdrop. Viewed from Black Edge (viewpoint 3 of the submitted photomontages) an observer would not necessarily be aware that this part of the limestone plateau falls outside the National Park Boundary. In this landscape the Limestone Plateau contributes very positively to the setting of the National Park, exhibiting upland pastoral characteristics, but with some unfortunate industrial intrusion.

The proposal would exacerbate the industrial intrusion into this part of the limestone plateau, by extending further out into the limestone plateau pastures and therefore harm the setting of the National Parks landscape. Whilst landscaping and appropriate colouring of the building would help reduce the proposals impact, officers do not consider that it could make the proposed development acceptable in terms of its impact on the setting of the National Park.

For these reasons the Peak District National Park Authority Object to the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

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