

Charlotte Bogg

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Subject: Site 616 Knoll Hill Ampleforth

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have just seen the proposed plan 616 for Knoll Hill in Ampleforth. My wife and I live at Oak Cottage in the village and we moved in nearly two years ago. When we bought the house it was in a big part because of the view from our living room window and the upstairs bedroom which look directly onto Knoll Hill. You cannot imagine the distress this plan causes us - having spent our lifetime savings to buy a house with such a beautiful view, one that we believed to be protected as it we are in an area of natural beauty and a conservation zone.

We frequently walk up past the hill into the National Park and love the view from the hillside North above Knoll Hill - a view that will now be spoiled. If we had know there was to be a development spoiling the wonderful views we would never have bought the house. Whilst we are not opposed to sympathetic development within the village this development is something of a different order. It is heartbreaking to find that this development may wreck our lives - we moved out of an urban environment specifically for the peace, quiet and lovely countryside. The view of Knoll Hill is what we look out onto everyday and every morning when curtains are opened. Will there be any compensation I wonder for the loss in value of our home - how will be able to afford to move again in order to achieve the tranquil view - the reason for moving here only two years ago. Our solicitor and ourselves searched for potential problems with planning but were reassured by the fact of being in a conservation zone and reading about the conservation plans for the village. It is hard to believe that within two years of buying the cottage our dream home is to be blighted.

Yours sincerely

Christopher and Heather Rodda