

Development Proposal: West End Ampleforth:
Sites 616 and 111

I offer these comments as a regular visitor to Ampleforth during the past dozen years.

Knoll Hill is a startling and attractive natural feature of the landscape, quite literally across the road from the National Park - itself designated as an Area of Natural Beauty. This distinction should be properly respected.

I understand from the Ryedale Local Plan 2002 as a 'Service Village' Ampleforth might expect developments of no more than 2-3 houses a year: not the entirely inappropriate scale which this application proposes.

Setting aside the sound aesthetic objections to scarring the landscape and intruding on established agricultural land, I cannot be convinced of the safety to either pedestrians or motorists of access to these sites from a hill with a 14% gradient.

Your own Council recognises the Ampleforth Conservation Area. Knoll Hill is a true visual amenity to residents and visitors alike. Why destroy it with an eyesore which will profit the few while disregarding the lawful objections of the many?

Yours Faithfully

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