

Adrian Shepherd
Yorkshire Dales National Park

11th April 2017

Dear Adrian,

Application for Fencing on Cam End Common

Thank you for submitting the above application to the Yorkshire Dales Access Forum (YDAF) for consultation.

A copy of the application has been sent to YDAF Members for comment and a number of responses have been received. The consolidated view of the Members, subject to formal ratification at the next full meeting of the YDAF, is to support the proposals. However, your attention is drawn to the general advice given in the YDAF Guiding Principles for Fencing of Registered Commons and Exchange of Registered Common Land, a copy of which is attached for information.

Members did, however, express particular concern about the use of barbed wire in the proposed fencing specification and also advised that :

- any top-wiring of fencing should be in plain wire rather than barbed wire
- the location of the proposed fenced areas should be undertaken in conjunction with the local Ranger so as to have minimal visual or other impact on the landscape
- any gates, stiles or other access furniture should be designed, located and installed in consultation with the local Ranger
- the fencing should be removed at the earliest opportunity and no later than the end of the Countryside Stewardship Agreement (31st December 2025) as specified in the application

The YDAF is a statutory body which provides advice to the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (as the appointing authority) and any other public body on any issues affecting access in the Yorkshire Dales National Park. The contents of this letter qualify as advice pursuant to Section 94 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 to which the recipient is required to have regard in carrying out its functions.

Yours sincerely,

Alistair Thompson
Chair, Yorkshire Dales Access Forum

Enc: YDAF Guiding Principles for Fencing of Registered Commons and Exchange of Registered Common Land