

Planning Inspectorate
Commons Team
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10th October 2016

Dear Sir,

**Commons Act 2006 – Section 38
Fencing on Western Part of Mallerstang Common (CL94)**

The above application from the Mallerstang West Graziers Association to undertake fencing works on Mallerstang Common was considered at a meeting of the Yorkshire Dales Access Forum (YDAF) on 4th October 2016.

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 have regard in carrying out its functions.

Members of the YDAF took note of the responses from the Mallerstang West Graziers Association to its earlier informal consultation, particularly regarding landscape issues, and confirmed the general advice given in the YDAF Guidelines for the fencing of registered commons and creation of woodlands in open access land. Members also advised that:

- an alternative form of fencing should be used where necessary rather than barbed wire
- gates, stiles and other access furniture should be located and installed in consultation with the local Park Ranger
- the fencing, gates, stiles and other items should be maintained throughout the life of the proposed boundaries
- all evidence of the boundaries should be removed after 15 years, if not before, as stated in the application
- signage should be installed at the earliest opportunity to direct the public to access points

Yours faithfully,

Alistair Thompson
Chair, Yorkshire Dales Access Forum