Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

Planning Committee 1 September 2026

Late Consultations Summary Sheet
(Received by 28 August 2026)

PLEASE NOTE: this is a brief summary of the additional comments received since the agenda was published and Members are advised to view consultee/neighbour comments on the website via the links below (then scroll down to responses)

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1	**S/03/773**	**Land off Frostrow Lane, Garsdale Road, Sedbergh (GR:367136,491712)**
	Agent	Comments have been received debating the points discussed in the officer's report which are available to view in full. The points raised are (in summary): • Highways, relating to the details of the officer report concerning the translocation of the hedgerow, the introduction of the low wall and the comments of the Local Highway Authority. • Planning policy in relation to the adoption of the new National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). • Ecology and biodiversity, relating to BNG, the translocation of the hedgerow and habitat management. • Trees and Woodlands officer comments incorrectly recorded in the officer report • Design and landscape – detailing that there are no proposed changes in land levels in the revised design. • Stone flags/ urban appearance relating to the drystone wall. The wall will be topped with angled stones. • Breadth of community support
	Officer comments	In response to the agents comments. The responses of the Highway Authority are available to view in full. The New National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) has been adopted (August 2026), which has a flexible approach towards housing. The Authority has a newly adopted Local Plan,

		which has a flexible approach towards housing and sets out the housing strategy for the National Park and makes provision for some housing outside of settlements, such as affordable housing or rural workers dwellings and is consistent with the NPPF. NPPF policy TR8 relates to public rights of way. Although the proposed pedestrian route would have limited public benefit, this is not enough to overcome the strong presumption of housing in the open countryside. The Authority's Ecologist has recorded 'no objection to the proposal. This is based on the details submitted to meet the requirements of the statutory BNG and not the loss of the hedgerow, tree, habitats and its replacement with a low drystone wall (60cm high). In the officer's opinion will have an irreconcilable impact when the proposal is considered as a whole. The responses of the Trees and Woodlands officers are recorded in the officer report. The land levels detailed in the amended drawings do not indicate any change in land levels as was originally proposed and has been included in error. Relating proposed roadside wall, the issue is that the removal of the hedgerow and its replacement with an engineered path and low wall would be untypical as a field boundary within the dales. The detail of the wall can be agreed by condition.
	Public responses	Three public responses have been received in support of the application. In summary these relate to the safety of pedestrians and the benefits of the footpath taking pedestrians off the dangerous stretch of the busy A684. The footpath would form a link that connects with quieter roads and is on the route of the Farfield Mill to Sedbergh circular walk.
2	**R/01/100E**	**The Scott Trial, Arkengarthdale, Gunnerside and Reeth Moors**
	Officer Comments	Paragraph 37 of the Officer Report references the

(Officer Report Correction)	2024 version of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), rather than the recently published 2026 version. The reference is made in relation to the consideration of the impacts on SAC and SPA sites, the emphasis/requirements of which remain materially unchanged between the 2024 and 2026 versions of the NPPF.
Marrick Parish Council	Marrick Parish Council have restated that they are in favour of the Scott Trial event, clarifying that it is a very well run event that causes minimal impacts on traffic and invites people into the National Park who would not normally come They add that the event raises thousands of pounds every single year for charity. While they appreciate the comments on the effects it could have on the ecology, they note that every year sees a return of all areas back to how they were before the trial. Therefore, although the Scott Trial does not take place in Muker Parish., the Parish Council are completely supportive of the continuation of the event and supports the application and time extension.
Muker Parish Council	The Parish Council consider the context and history of the Trial to be essential to [the consideration of] the application, noting the history and traditional of the event and noting its benefits with regards to the local economy and tourism. The Parish Council note that the Planning Officer's report is both detailed and comprehensive to enable considered assessment of the revised application, and agree with the Officer's conclusions regarding ecological impact and assessment and with the report's conclusions and recommendations overall. The recommended mitigations, monitoring and management will ensure that the Trail continues as it has for the past 100 years securing and preserving the economic and tourist attraction the Trial provides to Swaledale.
YDNPA Area Ranger	The Rangers confirm that authority is required (under the Road Traffic act 1988 s13) to promote or participate in a race or trial of speed between Motor Vehicles on any public highway. Written consent of all landowners, whom have granted the Scott Trial permission to use their land, will need to be submitted prior to the event taking place (Road Traffic Act 1988 s33.)

	A high standard of care and consideration whilst driving a motorised vehicle must be adhered to, and competitors remain subject to the laws of the Road Traffic Act 1988. Any nuisance caused to legitimate users of the highways must be eliminated by secure and effective marshalling, signage and yielding to their passage. If necessary, the applicant can apply to YDNPA, via the Area Ranger for Swaledale, in advance of the event and at the club's expense, for a Closure Order.
Historic England	Confirm that their previous advice of 28 May 2026 remains unchanged, clarifying again that Historic England does not object to this application in principle, noting that The Scott Trial has been running successfully by Richmond Motor Club for the past 30 years. They have however expressed concerns in relation to the impact of the scheme on the historic environment which could result in harm to the significance of any scheduled monuments on the route. Thery recommend that additional assessment should be undertaken to establish the impact of this proposal on the significance of these heritage assets. They clarify again that any sections of the proposed route that lie within a scheduled monument would require scheduled monument consent (SMC) from the Secretary of State and any proposals will need to demonstrate adequate public benefit. They also recommend that every effort is made to minimise the impact on (and risk to) the significance of any scheduled monuments and non-designated heritage assets of equivalent significance (e.g. micro-rerouting wherever possible to avoid sensitive areas).
Auto Cycle Union (ACU)	In summary, the ACU has expressed their strong support for the continued running of the annual Scott Motorcycle Trial within the Yorkshire Dales National Park, noting that the event is a long-established part of the sporting and cultural life of the Dales, with deep roots in the local landscape and community and is an important part of that heritage. The event is authorised and overseen by the Auto Cycle Union (ACU), which is the Internationally Recognized Governing Body for the Sport of Motorcycling throughout the British Isles, excluding Ireland.

The Trial brings clear benefits to local communities and attracts competitors, supporters and spectators who make use of local accommodation, shops, hospitality businesses and services, helping to sustain the rural economy outside the main visitor season.

The National Park Authority must balance recreation, conservation, farming interests, public access and the protection of sensitive landscapes. In their view, the Scott Trial is capable of being managed responsibly within that balance. Its organisers have many years of experience in planning the route, liaising with landowners, controlling spectators, observing agreed conditions and ensuring that the event takes place in a structured and supervised manner. The continued permission for this event would help preserve a distinctive Yorkshire tradition while supporting local charities, local businesses and voluntary activity.

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