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Dear Mr Watson

Listed Building application for the erection of retaining wall abutting salmon ladder, description as amended, at Linton Lock, Nun Monkton.

I thank you for your letter of 9 February 2004 regarding the amendment to the description of the development.

Whilst I note that you comment that the physical development proposed remains unchanged the change of the description shows an acceptance that the new hydropower plant and associated works also require Listed Building Consent is of great significance.

The inclusion of the works for the construction of the new hydropower plant within the description demands a re-evaluation of the proposal. It is now entirely proper to consider the wider implications of the development on the Listed Buildings as advocated in the previous correspondence from this Council dated 21 January 2004. The consideration should not be limited to appraisal of how the abutment of the new and the old may be achieved but a re-evaluation of the entire proposal.

This Authority maintain that the proposal would cause significant harm to the fabric of the Listed Building and will cause an unacceptable loss to the character and appearance of the Listed Building and **should be refused Listed Building Consent.**

Yours sincerely

Tim Wood
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LINTON ON OUSE PARISH COUNCIL

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13th December 2003

Listed building consent Linton Lock

6.104.93.B.LB 03/05698/LB

JR & K Throup & Sons

Dear Sir,

The Parish Council of Linton on Ouse would ask you to refuse Listed Planning consent on the above application.

The structures Grade II Listed are:

The lock

The lock house and buildings

The weir

The salmon ladder

The generation house

Why this Council believes the application should be refused:

Harrogate Borough Council Application for Listed Building Consent clearly states under the heading 'NOTE: Any object or structure fixed to a Listed Building, or forming a part of the land and within the curtilage of the building is treated as part of the Listed Building'

Background and history

Linton Lock and the associated weir and Salmon ladder were designed by John Smeaton F.B.S., the pioneering 18th Century engineer and designer of the Eddystone Lighthouse. He surveyed the Rivers Ouse and Ure in 1766 and gave evidence to Parliament in March 1767, leading to 'An Act for Making Navigable the Rive Ouse and Ure' in the same year, which also granted powers to construct and maintain the lock to the Linton Lock Commissioners. The 18 mile navigation was opened in early 1773 at a total cost of £16,000, with all the

works designed by Smeaton. Linton Lock is not only the last surviving Smeaton Lock on the Ouse and Ure Navigation, but is considered by the Smeaton Society of Civil Engineers to be the only example of John Smeaton's work on an inland navigation.

Ref. British Waterways. Linton Lock, River Ouse Navigation, Conservation Plan August 1997

The Councillors of this Parish believe that in considering the 'Proposal: Listed Building application for the erection of retaining wall abutting salmon ladder' it is not applying Harrogate Borough Council stated criteria 'forming part of the land and within the curtilage'. Under this planning legislation it appears that the whole of the Listed site as listed structures will need to be considered, not just the Salmon Ladder.

As a Council, we have stated previously, that the proposal to have a hydro-electricity plant sited along side such an important national monument as John Smeaton's classic engineering designs will utterly devalue the whole of the site, rather like building a block of flats alongside York Minster.

The Councillors still have concerns over the accuracy, position and drawing of the structure named 'existing river training wall' on the applicant's plans, this structure is part of the Listing. Our research shows that this is a RETAINING wall which held back the river bank to the Salmon fish ladder. The applicant's plans indicate that the wall stops at some point under water before it gets to the bank; we believe that it continues underwater and formed part of total retaining wall structure to the salmon ladder. If this proves to be true then applicant's drawings of the tail race will cut through this section of the Listed structure and would need further consent.

Linton on Ouse Parish Council therefore recommends that Harrogate Borough Council Planning Committee reject this application.

Yours sincerely,



Bill Frost (Clerk)

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20th February 2004

For Attn. Of Case Officer, Mr. R.N. Watson

Dear Sir,

REF: APPLICATION 6.104.93.B.LB
APPLICATION FOR LISTED BUILDING CONSENT AT LINTON WEIR

At their meeting 16th February my Council considered the above application, and wish to raise their objections to the proposed Application, as follows:

1. The Salmon Ladder, which is Listed, forms part of a development which is of historical importance. The proposed retaining wall will abut part of the Salmon Ladder. This will have a detrimental effect on the particular physical features of the present Listed Salmon Ladder.
2. "The Planning (Listed Buildings and conservation Areas) Act 1990" requires all Local Planning Authorities to have special regard to the desirability of preserving the setting of listed buildings. The size and scale of the proposed development will detract from the setting of a Listed Building (namely the present hydro-electric station) and will have an adverse impact on the character and appearance of the whole area.

My Council wish to see the Application REFUSED for the reasons referred to above and we trust you will take our comments into consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Varley
Clerk to the Parish Council