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To The Chief Planning Officer Staffs Moorlands,

Objection to application SMD/2023/0618

Retrospective application for erection of single storey rear extension Sprinks Farm

The extension relates to the former farmhouse, now run as an Airbnb. It is for commercial not private use.

The application should not be viewed in isolation, being a very small part of developments on the site. Some of these developments have yet to come before Planning i.e. the beach volleyball courts and the large shed housing amongst other things a butchery and function room despite them being in commercial use for some time.

Sprinks Farm's own website tells prospective guests wishing to stay at the **Airbnb** that they can **Access the on site beach volleyball courts at an extra cost.**

The courts are built on Green belt land and are an inappropriate development for the area. No planning application has ever been submitted and yet tickets are being sold for events on them.

As the Sprinks website clearly links the Airbnb and the courts a concurrent application should be in place for them.

The support facilities for the courts including showers, changing rooms and function room are housed in a massive building, totally out of keeping and inappropriate for the location. Plans for this development still have to come before Planning.

These developments as well as the already submitted applications should be taken into consideration and what impact they have made/are making on the Green Belt, the traditional rural appearance of the area and the nuisance to other residents taken into account.

Yours faithfully,

Roy and Eileen Harvey