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Holme Grown Eastby

Provision of a freestanding compost toilet (with disabled facilities) and open fronted field shelter in Holme Field, Eastby

Heritage Statement

Holme Field is used as a community garden, orchard and woodland. It has been created to protect and enhance the natural environment. Support for the resource has been received from a wide range of national and local bodies, including, amongst others, The Woodland Trust, Yorkshire Dales National Park and the Swindon Quarry Natural Environment Fund. The proposal is to provide a compost toilet with disabled facilities and a field shelter to enable the community to better use the resource and allow for a wider community use.

The proposed structures are free standing and will not require any groundworks to take place before construction. They will not be visible to the public except from a considerable distance and it is the intention to shield both structures with British native trees and hedging which has already been kindly provided by the Woodland Trust.

Holme Field adjoins, but is not within, the Eastby Conservation Area. Within sight of Holme Field and both within and outside the Conservation Area are a number of large steel framed agricultural buildings, some timber clad and some clad in cement fibreboard or concrete block. The proposed toilet and shelter are, by comparison, minute in scale, of limited height and, as already mentioned, will be shielded by trees and hedging. The shelter and toilet are over 130 metres and 180 metres away from the nearest permanent structure within the conservation area, the houses on Barden Road.

Sustainable Design and Construction

Climate change mitigation has been discounted. Holme Field Eastby aims to promote and protect the natural environment and, to that end, the toilet and shelter will be carbon free with no connection to any source of energy, fuel or power. They will not be occupied. There will be no CO2 or other emissions.