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Dear Planning,
Please find attached the Parish Council response.

Ian M Smith(Parish Clerk)

09/07/2012

Planning Application 3/2012/0490 Clough Bottom Outbarn

The Parish Council received this application with great surprise.

A previous application at Clough Bottom was to change the use of the larger training barn to residential. The applicants visited several parish councillors at that time explaining that the training business had lost money due to lack of sales in the economic downturn. It was explained to us that the "outbarn" (the subject of the present proposal) would be sufficient in future and that only a small lean-to extension might be required. Outbarns are always isolated from other buildings in the Ribble Valley and Yorkshire dales – hence their charm. The proposed lean-to to the NE side of the barn would not compromise this.

The application states that the site cannot be seen from a public footpath. In fact it is close to a major junction of five paths as shown on the area map submitted. One of these paths is over Saddle Bridge – a local beauty spot – and is near the outbarn. The Bridge was restored years ago by public subscription showing appreciation of its local importance.

The scale of the new activity room/training centre in this location causes concern when we have been told the training business is declining. We consider the proposed oval structure will dominate and overshadow the barn and is out of character for the district and the surrounding AONB.

Ian M Smith (Parish Clerk, Bashall Eaves and Mitton PC)