

This application is for the erection of 2 agricultural buildings and the widening of an existing access at Lower Park Farm Park Lane Berry Brow. The site currently houses an agricultural building and storage area which has direct access from Park Lane via a forecourt and a gated access. Park Lane is a lightly trafficked adopted highway that can be described as rural in nature.

The proposed access is a widening of an existing access to the storage area to the rear of the existing building and the fields beyond. The access is in the inside of a bend in Park Lane and has adequate visibility in both directions. Having reviewed the Councils accident data there have been no reported injury accidents in this location within the last 10 years.

Taking into account the size and agricultural use of the proposed building we do not expect any substantial increase in vehicle movements onto the highway network in this location.

The siting of the proposed buildings does not appear to have any effect on the nearby public right of way HUD/196/30.

Therefore in conclusion the proposed widening of an access that has been operating without accidents for 10 years should not impact on road safety. The traffic generated by the development is not likely to impact on highway capacity. The existing public right of way appears unaffected by the development. On this basis the Highways Development Management Team raises no objection to the application as submitted.

FOOTNOTE (Footpath)

Public footpath number HUD/196/30, which abuts the site, shall not at any time prior to, during or after construction of the proposed development be unofficially obstructed or closed without prior written consent of the Local Planning Authority.