

Address: 144 Latham Lane Cleckheaton BD19 4AR

About the application

Application number: 2020/94240	
What is the application for?:	Change of use of grazing land to form all weather exercise area
Address of the site or building:	adj, Fieldhead Farm, 150, Latham Lane, Gomersal, Cleckheaton, BD19 4AR
Postcode:	BD19 4AR

User comments

Type of comment: An objection

Comments/representation against the change of use of grazing land/green belt to form an all weather exercise area/arena (2020/94240)

The majority of the Land/fields on Latham Lane fall under 'green belt' (The fundamental aim of Green Belt policy is to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open;) and to be used for farming/grazing not to be converted into roads, parking and or for business use other than sustainable farming that doesn't permanently damage the area.

It's an area which historically has been recognised as of particular landscape value. It's been identified as county asset and this would detract from the rural and agricultural charm of the site.

In respect of equestrian, 'All weather' area's are a permanent, damaging fixture covering a large area and are known to be costly investments, when constructed correctly. With this in mind there is a concern that with the applicant only having 2 horses and a section of a small field remaining it seems more likely that this is a business investment (to run along side their current business) rather than recreational. If this is the case then there would be an increase in traffic and an 'all weather area' would require substantial lighting for the winter months, this would directly impact the numerous houses surrounding the field in question (applicant's property is set back furthest away from field) all of which overlook the area in which the construction would be. This meaning any lighting, construction work and/or business would directly impact the neighbours through noise issues, along with the added traffic. The Field in which the applicants request planning permission for is directly off Latham Lane (which is renowned for flooding), the entrance to the green belt field is stepped back from the single track lane and not entirely visible to oncoming traffic. The entrance/ field is currently being used for public access (a road through the green belt/grazing land) to access another field where a business is run from resulting in cars parked regularly. This is already/currently causing unnecessary traffic/problems on Latham Lane single track road due to the amount of extra traffic hourly, either turning around, reversing and/or pulling out to the blind entrance, parking on Latham Lane and over other driveways/entrances. I feel that adding more facilities (all weather area) to the current location will most definitely increase the already heightened traffic and noise issues that the neighbours are currently facing.