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Reply by e-mail only.

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**Holding Objection.**

Dear Mr Grayson,

**2021/92086 land at, Bradley Villa Farm, Bradley Road, Bradley, Huddersfield, HD2 2JX  
Erection of 270 residential dwellings and associated infrastructure and access**

I am responding to this consultation on behalf of The British Horse Society, an equestrian Charity which represents the 3 million horse riders in the UK. Nationally equestrians have just 22% of the rights of way network. In Kirklees they have just 8% of the rights of way network, increasingly disjointed by roads which were once quiet and are now heavily used by traffic resulting from development such as this.

At a time when health and wellbeing has never been higher on both national and local agendas, horse riding is a sport which engages a high proportion of people with disabilities, women participants, and participants over the age of 45. Nearly 40% of those taking part do not participate in other forms of physical activity. All these factors are very important in recognising that equestrianism is vital to the health of a significant section of the population which is known to be at risk.

Furthermore, the contribution of equestrianism to the economy is far from insignificant. The cost is calculated by the British Equestrian Trade Association to be £4,225 per horse, there are currently 119 registered equine passport holders in the HD2 postcode area, therefore a local contribution of £502,775 The national contribution being £4.7 billion.

Shepherds Thorn Lane abuts the site, it remains unclear how this will be affected, we seek clarification on this point.

We would seek to have this ancient lane upgraded to a multi user bridleway, this lane is likely to receive greater use by the public as a result of this development, as such the developer should be asked to provide an improved surface of either crushed limestone or bound compacted rubber such as flexi-pave or nu-flex rubber bound compounds which are made from recycled materials being porous it is better suited to heavy rainfall in an ever-changing wetter environment due in part to global warming. We also ask that parapets be added to the bridge spanning the M62 motorway these must be 1.8 metres, this would improve the safety of the general public and in particular equestrians using this lane. We ask that the S106 contribution pays for this improvement.

In the event that these requests can be met we would be willing to remove our objection.

Yours sincerely

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