

**Application, reference 2023/62/92075/W
70 Acre Farm, Meltham Road, Honley HD9 6RG.**

16/08/2023

Objection

Dear Sirs,

I am responding to this planning application 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.

1. We seek clarification on the surface of the bridleway we also note that the application plan 22146-0302 does not show the width of the proposed new bridleway.
2. We would ask that the bin storage area is relocated so that it is not directly adjoining the proposed bridleway posing a potential safety hazard.
3. The Northern end of the bridleway narrows to the point of joining the existing track we ask that dimensions are supplied and added to the plan. It is also not clear if there will be any gradient at this point.
4. There appears to be a new curved entrance joining Meltham Road, we object to this as it requires a horse to manoeuvre around this curved wall whilst traveling downhill and almost doubling back on itself.
5. We note that you have included a staggered barrier entrance joining Meltham Road we would like to see the dimensions of this barrier along with the distance from the entrance.

The British horse society welcomes dialogue should you require advice in resolving the above points. In the event that these requests can be met we would be willing to remove our **objection**.

Yours Sincerely

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