

35 Soureby Cross Way, East Bierley, BD4 6PZ

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Dear Sir

Application number: 2024/62/91814/E

Change of use of land from equestrian use to dog exercise area and associated works

I write after being approached by residents of Soureby Cross Way to express their concerns over the above planning application.

We note that the application is for retrospective planning permission to be granted and we also note the extensive level of support given by existing users a small number of whom appear to live close to the land in question; the remainder, presumably travelling by car.

Our concerns primarily rest with the additional traffic generated and the lack of access/parking facilities within the said land. Soureby Cross Way is an adopted highway but with a single carriageway and passing/parking places (ostensibly for use by residents). The primary access from Hunsworth Lane is already used by parents dropping off and collecting pupils from the primary school creating a traffic hazard (albeit not all day). We have also identified dog walkers parking whilst awaiting their appointed reservation. This makes passing on the Way difficult, sometimes restricting access which is a concern in respect of emergency services and council service vehicles. The only potential solution to this problem would be for the highways authority to widen the road or make the parking available to residents only through a permit scheme or for readily accessible and sufficient parking to be available on the land requiring change of use. The prevalence of dog ownership making it very likely that the facility will be used more than for equestrian use.

In the longer term we would like reassurance that any change of use would not be a precursor of future development of the land for any other reason.

Yours faithfully,