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Subject: RE: Application 2024/62/92626/W -Application for removal of equine buildings/ structures and erection of detached dwelling.

Hello Lucy and David

I continue to follow the progress of application 2024/92626 and have recently read the consultee feedback from Kirklees Highways development team, provided by D Stainsby, Ref K12-12/32

I am contacting you because I believe relevant and important information may have been unavailable to Mr D Stainsby during the evaluation of the assessment of the field entrance onto the roadway. This information has not been submitted during the application public feedback period as it is not considered a relevant matter however it is highly relevant to the gated access, and fields providing the access to Far lane and the access track.

It's very important that the Highways development team are aware that the access gateway and track from Far Lane to the development site is through a field which is part of an agricultural holding (CPH 49/544/0007) where livestock are grazed for approx. 10 months of the year.

Presently the livestock grazing the land are sheep and previously Cattle have grazed this land. As the landowner of this land/field I will continue to use this land for livestock well into the future

I'm bringing this to the planners and consultees attention as the access way is gated to prevent livestock exiting this field during access and egress which involves opening and closing of the gate onto the highway. Great care has to be taken when sheep and especially lambs are in the field to prevent stock getting out onto the highway. It has always been a concern for my wife and I and we make daily observations around gate integrity, etc when livestock are in the fields.

It has to be a concern that should the use (which is an easement/right of way to the applicants field and not a private drive) of land change to domestic development then the 'character and understanding' of personnel using the gateway will change. Visiting personnel, delivery drivers, etc may not fully understand the essential

need to open & immediately close the gate upon entry, and, again on leaving, to avoid the escape of livestock onto the highway.

The hazard and hence risk of livestock is presently managed through effective gate opening and closure with an additional person present – my significant concern is that personnel who have little understanding of the hazard and risk will use this gate in the future with minimal ‘awareness’

Present mitigation measures include signage and a maintained gate which you will see from the attached photo taken 13 October 2024.

In the event that the application goes ahead are other hazard and risk mitigation measures necessary?

Please note; during the planning application process I have been required to replace the gate signage on 3 separate occasions (advising of ‘Farming livestock , please keep this gate shut’) the signage has been removed and stolen (as has the statutory notice providing planning application notification to the public) I am really concerned there are attempts to avoid raising concerns to visiting planning /highways personnel who may need to visit the site for assessment as well and local people.

Regards

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