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Objection.

1st July 2025

Planning Application number: 2025/62/91053/W

Description of Development:

Change of use and alterations to barn to form three dwellings including associated works

Location: land off, Wood Lane, Colnebridge, Huddersfield, HD5 0PX.

E-mail. DC.Admin@kirklees.gov.uk.

Dear Nicole Helliwell,

Thank you for consulting with the British Horse Society (BHS) on the above proposal which directly affects the amenity and safety value of a public bridleway. Kirkburton 251 this is in fact a public bridleway, disappointingly not mentioned in the planning application document. (Planning Portal Reference: **2025/62/91053/W**)

Public Bridleways have no right of access on motorised vehicles by the public. Public Bridleways are precious vehicle free public resources for the public to obtain air and exercise in peace and safety in the countryside away from motorised vehicular traffic. Public Bridleways are a resource under increasing pressure from development in the countryside and their unique and beneficial nature should be protected at all costs for the public. At all times in law public rights take precedence over private rights of access and development.

We note that Bridleway Kirkburton 251 will be directly impacted by this development

We seek further detail on the above development implications regarding the bridleway.

The existing bridleway Kirkburton 251 is in a reasonable condition for present levels of use.

This development must not temporarily close or obstruct the Bridleway. We would ask, should planning permission be granted any damage caused to the surface of the bridleway must be repaired, reinstated in character with its surroundings, exactly as it was prior to any works taking place. Any improvements to the surface of a bridleway must be for the primary user, the horse. We ask that you consult with us regarding any surface material to be used. Tarmac is not one of our recommended surfaces.

The Applicant MUST take the following into account and should note that separate permission for works on or over a Public Right of Way MUST be requested from Kirklees Council's Rights of Way Team prior to any work commencing, and that permission may be refused. Any damage to a Public Right of Way resulting from works must be made good by the applicant. The applicant, and any future owners, residents etc, must have private rights to take motorised vehicles over a PRoW other than a BOAT. To do so without lawful authority is an offence under the Road Traffic Act 1988. When the above matters have been satisfactorily resolved we will remove our objection.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Corrigan

Access Field Officer, Yorkshire

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