About the application

Application number: 2025/91128	
What is the application for?:	Extension of farmyard and erection of cattle building
Address of the site or building:	Healey Farm, Healey Lane, Briestfield, Dewsbury, WF12 0NT
Postcode:	WF12 0NT

User comments

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Noise, disturbance, odour, traffic safety: Noise pollution is at an all-time high. Farm (understandable), grinding, industrial and haulage machinery noise levels start from 5.00am, including weekends, bank holidays and on Xmas day. Large vehicles/trailers coming and going into the barns and throughout the night with the signage '2 Valleys' causing sleep disturbance. 45ft trailers are regularly travelling over the single carriageway small bridge and up the bridle way causing potholes, danger to horses, wildlife, walkers and potentially weakening the bridge (a bridge survey needs to be carried with weight restrictions). Traffic then proceeds onto narrow Briestfield village country roads that are not substantial enough for large transport vehicles. Note: The access suggested in the application is currently blocked by boulders. The public bridleway is obstructed by the use of coded electric gates. The Road Traffic Act 1988 should be considered in the review. Odour is not just from farm animals, there have been several skip fires burning putrid materials and causing neighbours to close doors and windows. Neighbourhood living conditions would be made much worse with the addition of a cattle building in terms of noise, traffic, disturbance and odour. Q? is the owner running alternative businesses from the farm and what would the new shed actually be used for?
Conservation, natural environment, trees: The cattle building would be in close proximity to the TPO woodland and Briestfield Beck, where bats have been witnessed Consideration should also be given to the mining 'edits' that are evident in close proximity, extra weight, subsidence and potential land collapse blocking and flooding the beck. There should be a waste management plan in place for effluent/excreta and drainage.
Character of area: The cattle building in addition to the current site of approx 7 barns/buildings is out of character, appearing less of a farm, more of a commercial/industrial estate.
Previous planning: Reviewing previous planning applications we see planning permission for two barns in 2011, 2017 but no others. The 2 or 3 additional barns erected recently (2024) have increased the size of the site significantly. The site requires a visit from the planning officer to determine and measure the site objectively and check that the entire estate is in proportion to the land/registry and livestock/wellbeing related to it.
Effect on living conditions: In addition to the above, the views of fields would be restricted and there would be a loss of privacy, as the building would overlook gardens. Noise travels through the valley, conversations can be heard and machinery/plant/haulage escalates this, especially during the night and early mornings.
Application queries: Suggest a thorough site visit to check answers to questions within the published application e.g. current size of site (Is this correct considering approx. 7 buildings), TPO trees/woods are adjacent to proposal (says No) which form part of the landscape character. Ascertain that the building could be within 20 meters of Briestfield beck, (says No). The site is seen from the public road, footpath, bridleway (Says No)