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

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From a livestock point of view, the building is a single space with cattle on farm yard manure.
Floor area is 1,040m2, so large cattle housed on straw the stocking density from Red Tractor standards could be 5-7m2 per heavy store, so max stocking could be 148 heavy stores.
https://redtractorassurance.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/HF.f-BEEF_LAMB_Housing-Space-allowance.pdf
Water requirement 148 heavy stores x 50 l/d = 7,500 l/d = 7.5 TONNES PER DAY = MORE THAN 200 TONNES PER MONTH. From where?
Cattle (over 3 months) will produce 0.18m3/week of excreta = 26.6 tonnes per week. This will go in with straw to produce FYM which will also be the bedding. However, this material will be removed periodically and is typically stored before putting to land. The application states there is no storage requirement or movement planning.
Rainwater; approx 1000mm per annum. So, this building with no rainwater harvesting will create approx 1,040 tonnes of rainwater per year: running to field drains?? Some areas would require a bunded pond so that in the event of >25mm rainfall in a day there is time for soakaway. 25mm (1 inch) rainfall in a day on this roof is 26m3 in 24 hours.
NOTE 3.1 The holding comprises 68 acres of owned land (can this be clarified?) in a ring fence around the farm plus a further 15 acres of owned land at Barnsley. In addition, the family rent a further 47 acres nearby. – !the additional acreage should not be considered in this planning as it is not in Briestfield.
NOTE 9.1 There is already a good access along Healey Lane from Briestfield Road and from the existing farmyard to the building.
NOTE 4.4 (Bio diversity) No new access required, adjacent to existing farmyard and buildings
NOTE 9.2 The building will not create any additional movements to and from site following construction.
!Access and egress are a major concern, the proposed route is not feasible in its current state and without doubt it will create additional movements to and from the site, as well as additional noise/pollution to local residents, there is no consideration to ramblers/cyclists/horse riders that use the proposed route also the environmental (rare species) woodland/hedgerow/beck disruption and contamination.
Overall, there are a number of reasons why the proposed building has to be re assessed, as without doubt it will have serious affect to the community and their vistas, the building would be visible from a number of aspects, especially those within 200 metres of the site, the woodland does protect certain views but only when trees are in full leaf and not during autumn and winter months.