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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The site at Healey Farm has been developed significantly over the last few years. It seems that the work has been done without notification or planning approval. Part of that expansion accommodates the 2 Valleys commercial operation.
The 'good access' to the site, per the supporting report, is in fact the single track bridleway that goes from Briestfield Rd at Freckleton (DEW88/40) to Briestfield Rd below The Rakes (DEW88/80) and runs across the land of eight different owners.
The buildings and hard standing now flank both sides of the bridleway for over 100 yards. It's an increasingly busy area with vehicles and machinery parked and working. This makes it difficult for riders and walkers to use the right of way comfortably and safely.
An electric gate sits across the bridleway at the entrance to the farm (DEW88/60), acting as a deterrent to users, as is the lack of directional signage, which is now missing from the post.
Any further development will only add to the existing problems.
There is also a public footpath (DEW 73/10) that runs from Healey Farm down to Briestfield Rd by Rakes House.
It's been difficult for sometime to find the way out of the yard, and the route of the right of way, as a cattle handing area sits across it, and there are no signs in place.
The route of the public footpath is not shown on the submitted plans, but it looks like it will be obstructed by the proposed new building, which will be an offence.
Public footpath DEW60/10 also crosses the farm's land. It too is difficult to follow and lacks any signage.
Public rights of way are protected rights, a valuable community asset and must remain. The proposed building at Healey Farm goes against this.