



This proposal will conflict with the character of the countryside and is harmful and inappropriate in accordance with paragraph 153 of NPPF 2025: cause of distress to sheep who graze adjacent to the land; noise levels across the valley will increase (winds vary in direction, decibels of 80-100 travel up to 1600m in quiet countryside) and most residents live within 200m of the range of this field; the road (narrow with poor visibility) will be congested due to increase vehicular access and overflow parking difficulties will create danger to children playing and current dog walkers, hikers and residents; fencing and hardcore ground plus parking on Woodbottom Road and Healey Houses will destroy wildlife habitats; there will be no additional business benefits other than what is already in existence by agricultural use of the land (grass cutter, accountant etc).

Facts about this area which have been misrepresented in the Planning Application are that there is an omission about the existing already freely usable dog exercise area several yards away in Honley Woods; the local "light industry" depot (not a factory) only operates 9-5pm Mon-Fri and does not make any disturbing noises to residents ever - in contrast to the noise impact from this proposed change of land use;

Woodbottom Road is sloped with bends with poor visibility (not how it is described in the Planning Application) and is very narrow especially over the bridge right next to the field in question meaning congestion and danger to all pedestrians and road users.

There is already daily waiting on Woodbottom Road (in contrast with the Planning Application) as it is impossible to cross the bridge without waiting. Only providing 4 car parking spaces in the proposed area means people using the facility will have to park along Woodbottom Road destroying wildlife habitats in verges, hedgerows including the habitats in the field itself due to fencing and hardcore.

Impacts of this proposal are not minimal and it is not a great benefit to propose that it may give rise to business roles of a grass cutter and an accountant - already roles which are used when the land is agricultural. The proposal that noise pollution will not affect local residents should not be based on the presumption that prevailing winds in the valley are westerly - they are not always. This Planning Application implies that there will indeed be noise pollution expected and it will be 7 days a week including Bank holidays from 8am - 8pm. This noise pollution is another major change to the character of the countryside which is harmful and inappropriate in several ways as explained in this statement above (Paragraph 153 of the NPPF 2025).

Also the wider implications of this application would mean removal of agricultural status to be replaced by business use, a business that regular customers will travel to and from on a daily basis: This sets a precedence for potential further developments and removal of the Green Belt status of this area in future.