



This is a useful area for dog training provided it is set up and managed correctly. The change of use from agricultural to business is a concern of creeping development potential. In addition it is in green belt area and must be preserved, the land between Netherton, Honley and Meltham. Kirklees designate nearby areas as Green Belt with an addition of a conservation area nearby.

My concern is the proposed operating times, weekdays and weekends throughout the year. Times should be reduced for the local residents who enjoy the quieter side of the Magdale valley, I suggest limit the opening times from 0900 through to 1700 daily and closed on Bank Holidays. Noise does travel along the valley, this is a concern. The factory is not noisy due the sound deadening measures taken some 5 years ago.

The secure car park, for four cars, will this be the limit allowed?

It is inevitable that the animals will defecate in the field & overtime it will have an impact on the field's natural environment , there is also the risk of the water course being polluted from run off & flooding as the field forms a natural part of the valley's flood plain. There also appears to be no provision for water and toilet facilities for clients visiting the site, again there is the risk of pollution.

Security, government guidance states this type of facility should have fencing at six feet high and dig proof, not sure the present fencing meets these criteria. The field next to this one is frequently habituated by flocks of sheep, a distraction for the dogs and a worry for the farmer. A suggestion of a stock fence with 'tape' is not fully stockproof, it needs to be upgraded. Horses have not been in these fields at all in the past 30+ years

Additional tree planting a good idea provided they are suitable for the environ and in keeping with the existing Honley woods. This is mainly oak and birch and should be copied. Wild planting around the boarder should be selective and any rewilding monitored to avoid noxious plants invading such as Himalayan Balsom and brambles. The nature of this section of the valley will change, the wildlife , birds, animals and fauna will adapt but to what degree? Any loss needs to be minimal by whatever means.

Traffic access will be awkward, coming off an incline and down a slope to the parking area, again egress more of a problem negotiating onto the road from a blind sighted exit. The road should be made restricted to no parking either side of the gate to help this blind situation, as the lane is narrow at this point. Gates should open inward to avoid potential obstacles on the road when being used.