



Having lived directly opposite the field/site that has been purchased recently, for 2 decades, we cannot overemphasise enough how the natural topography of this valley amplifies noise.

Having a special site dedicated to the training of dogs would cause much misery for local residents - rendering it impossible for us to open our windows in the warmer months and, given the business hours proposed, having to face the misery of dogs barking and extra traffic 24/7, 7 days a week. Similarly, at the current time this land has not been used for horses; an inaccuracy on the part of the applicant. We are very concerned that the erosion of England's precious agricultural land should not take place as a result of a desire to train dogs in an area unsuitable for this practice.

Noise pollution aside, we are also extremely concerned about increased traffic pollution on single track roads in order to reach the facility. Two tragic deaths (one a cyclist, one a pedestrian) recently occurred close to the site due to careless and dangerous driving through the area and residents feel strongly that encouraging vehicles to visit the Woodbottom and Mag Dyke area for (ultimately) every hour of the day would cause so much more risk to locals with people transporting dogs to the area.

Finally, we would like to remind those taking the decision on this application, that this is greenbelt land; a rare and precious commodity that should be preserved; the sheep and cows that are just yards away from this dog-focused facility will be unnerved by the presence of untrained, domesticated animals, as will the natural wildlife that deserves as much peace and protection as possible in the valley.

There are many other dog exercise fields available in the locality - areas with no amplification of noise effects and where there is already a carbon footprint of dog owners with facilities that are in existence and it would make more sense for potential business owners to work in partnership with these existing organisations. We wholeheartedly respect and would promote the need for the good training of dogs, but we feel that this area is highly unsuitable for the development of such a business. We would encourage Kirklees Council to also please consider keeping the carbon footprint of this valley as low as possible and to be wary of encouraging more traffic, more noise and more unnatural pollutants into the locality.