



The planning statement contains inaccuracies:

1 there are NOT 'several existing structures on site'. There have NEVER BEEN any structures on site. When the land changed ownership recently, a building was then erected.

2 There have NEVER BEEN horses on the land. It has for years until the recent sale, been used and maintained in a professional agricultural capacity for grazing sheep.

3 The declaration of low-grade grassland simply reflects recent grazing from sheep, and is comparable to the surrounding agricultural fields, so this should not be taken as a 'poor quality field'.

4 The access gate will not have good sight lines. The access is onto a narrow-inclined road lined with trees and roadside shrubs and the exit out of the field is uphill to the road via a steep hardcore entrance, meaning a car would be exiting blind. Speeds are not generally low on this road, and it is used as a connection to Honley by many people, especially at rush hour periods. This could present a danger issue.

5 'Noise impacts are likely to be mitigated on windy days' is simply NOT good enough as there are many non-windy days. There is also an assumption made that background noise from an existing factory nearby will 'mitigate noise' from the dog training business. The factory does NOT emit background noise. This is suggestive that noise WILL be a factor of the dog business and surrounding residents are most likely to be affected. Sounds from barking dogs will also carry down the peaceful valley to affect residents at the North East end.

The business hours of 8am until 8pm, 7 days per week including bank holidays is excessive for a quiet countryside setting near residential properties, especially where noise IS TO BE a factor.

The land is part of a wider field system that occupies the length of the valley and is flanked with woodlands and footpaths. The area contains two scheduled monuments and is a natural habitat to many species including fox, owl, bats and badgers.

This is a proposal for a business operation, to change the agricultural status of land within the heart of the protected green belt, on a valley flood plain and less than 100m from Crosland Lower Hall moated site, a scheduled monument listed with Historic England.

The plan is inappropriate for this site as it will likely disturb nearby residents along with the natural flora and fauna habitat through traffic movements and the presence of dogs for prolonged periods. Concerns are that the business may increase the size of its operations in future i.e. numbers of more than 4 attending at any one time or even holding public events. Also, alterations to the site may not be harmonious with the current visual outlook of the wider green valley aspect that has been maintained for centuries.