

About the application

Application number: 2026/90880	
What is the application for?:	Change of use, retention of agricultural buildings and alterations to convert to
Address of the site or building:	Liley Hall Farm, 3, Liley Lane, Upper Hopton, Mirfield, WF14 8EG
Postcode:	WF14 8HG

User comments

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I am writing to make a statement regarding this proposed development and, in particular, the consultation and notification process associated with the application. It has only been this week that I became aware of both the proposed development and the full planning application. My primary concern is not necessarily the principle of development itself, but the apparent lack of communication and notice provided to the wider local community. I appreciate that the Council's consultation process may involve a combination of notifying those properties considered most directly affected and displaying site notices where required. However, in this case there appear to be significant shortcomings in ensuring that those who regularly use and enjoy the bridle-way are aware of the proposals. A public bridle-way runs through or immediately adjacent to the site and is used by hundreds of walkers, horses, cyclists and runners each week. To my knowledge, many of these users are unlikely to be aware that these proposals are being considered. Given the level of public use, it is surprising that there has not been more visible notification at access points to the footpath or within the surrounding area. Furthermore, I live within approximately half a mile of the site and have not received any notification regarding the application. While I understand that not every resident can be contacted directly, the limited awareness of the proposal among local residents raises concerns about whether the consultation process has effectively engaged the wider community. I am not entirely opposed to development and recognise the need for appropriate growth. However, I feel that local residents and those who regularly use the public footpath have not been given a fair opportunity to become aware of the proposals and to express their views before decisions are made. I would therefore ask that consideration be given to whether sufficient consultation has	

I would therefore ask that consideration be given to whether sufficient consultation has taken place and whether further steps should be taken to ensure that the wider community is properly informed and given the opportunity to comment on the application.

In addition, I have been unable to find any clear information within the application documents explaining how the public bridle-way will remain accessible during the construction phase, or what measures will be put in place to ensure the safety of pedestrians and other users. This bridle-way is regularly used not only by walkers, runners and cyclists, but also by children undertaking Duke of Edinburgh Award activities and by local Scout groups. Given the volume and variety of users, particularly young people, it is important that any temporary closures, diversions, traffic management arrangements or safety measures are clearly set out and publicly communicated.

At present, I can see no detailed proposals outlining how access will be maintained, how users will be protected from construction activities, or how continued access to this well-used route will be assured throughout the duration of the works. I believe this is a significant omission and should be addressed before any decision is made on the application.