

Holding Objection.**24th July 2026****Planning Application number: 2026/62/90880/E****Description of Development: Change of use, retention of agricultural buildings and alterations to convert to 9 dwellings****Location: Liley Hall Farm, 3, Liley Lane, Upper Hopton, Mirfield, WF14 8EG.****DC.Admin@kirklees.gov.uk**

Dear Sir/Madam

Disappointingly the British Horse Society (BHS) have not been consulted on the above proposal which directly affects the amenity and safety value of a bridleway Mir/84/20 this is in fact a public bridleway, disappointingly not mentioned in the planning application document we note that the Public Rights of Way department have not provided any comment.

Public Bridleways have no right of access on motorised vehicles by the public. Public Bridleways are precious vehicle free public resources for the public to obtain air and exercise in peace and safety in the countryside away from motorised vehicular traffic. Public Bridleways are a resource under increasing pressure from development in the countryside and their unique and beneficial nature should be protected at all costs for the public.

We note that Bridleway Mirfield 84 will be directly impacted by this development

We seek further detail on the above development implications regarding the bridleway. The surface of the bridleway should be the same as stated within the definitive statement.

This development must not temporarily close or obstruct the Bridleway. We would ask, should planning permission be granted any damage caused to the surface of the bridleway must be repaired, reinstated in character with its surroundings, exactly as it was prior to any works taking place. Any improvements to the surface of a bridleway must be for the primary user, the horse. We ask that you consult with us regarding any surface material to be used. Tarmac is not one of our recommended surfaces for bridleways. Should planning permission be granted we ask that contractors be made aware that horse riders use the bridleway to access the network.

May I draw your attention to National Planning Policy Framework.

Para 105: Planning policies and decisions should protect and enhance public rights of way and access, including taking opportunities to provide better facilities for users, for example by adding links to existing rights of way networks including National Trails.

- *Defra circular 1/09 Rights of Way [1] advises that*
- *7.1 Proposals for the development of land affecting public rights of way give rise to two matters of particular concern: the need for adequate consideration of the rights of way before the decision on the planning application is taken...*
- *7.2 The effect of development on a public rights of way is a material consideration in the determination of applications for planning permission and local planning authorities should ensure that the potential consequences are taken into account whenever such applications are considered.*

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The Applicant MUST take the following into account and should note that separate permission for works on or over a Public Right of Way MUST be requested from Kirklees Council's Rights of Way Team prior to any work commencing, and that permission may be refused. Any damage to a Public Right of Way resulting from works must be made good by the applicant. The applicant, and any future owners, residents etc, must have private rights to take motorised vehicles over a PRow other than a BOAT. To do so without lawful authority is an offence under the Road Traffic Act 1988.

Should the above matters be satisfactorily dealt with we will remove our objection.

Yours Faithfully,