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Subject: Your ref: 2026/48/92441/W comment period ends Thursday 01 October 2026.

Dear Danielle Cooper.

Thank you for your email which I received today relating to the Disused Railway Embankment in Netherton, Huddersfield. HD4 7FB. A development formation which will be accessible along a 755m long path for walking, wheeling and cycling along the top of a disused railway embankment. Kirklees Bridleways Group OBJECTS to the suggestion that horse riders are not to be allowed on the new multi user path due to the width being 3 metres. It should be noted that many of the bridleways in the area have a usable width of around 1 metre, these bridleways are used by horse riders, cyclists, runners and pedestrians.

Meltham Greenway is currently used by all non motorised users including horse riders, it seems ridiculous that any potential new links should exclude them. Members of Kirklees Bridleways Group have attended many volunteer work days to enhance the greenway over the past 10 years, whilst the amount of horse riders using the route is low it remains an important safe, off road, traffic free route. By allowing horse riders, the majority of whom are women and children, you would be helping to keep them safe and off the busy 50 mph B6108 Huddersfield Road. HGVs regularly use this road to access Meltham Mills Industrial Estate.

Kirklees has one of the lowest bridleway lengths available to horse riders in the country. We would like to see Kirklees follow its own ROWIP and increase the network along with creating links to existing bridleways.

Best regards

Bev Corrigan

Secretary

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