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Your ref 3/2019/0331
Our ref 11th September 2019
Date

Dear Sir / Madam

Application no: 3/2019/0331

Address: Field Boundary Chatburn Road , Chatburn
Proposal Bridleway

The proposal is for an off road path to bridleway standard adjacent to Chatburn Road and constructed for all users (horse, cycle, pedestrian and mobility scooters). Previously I have expressed highway safety concerns relating to the route and in particular the access points onto the route to the east and the emergence of the route passing Greendale Café. Following these concerns a site meeting was held with the applicant and a number of amendments were suggested to overcome these concerns. Unfortunately none of these suggested amendments have been acted upon or satisfactorily addressed in the additional plans recently submitted.

The highway concerns are as follows;-

1 The visibility for users of the route as it emerges onto Green Lane to the east is poor with the adjacent boundary walls and vegetation obstructing visibility for users emerging to cross as required for the route continuation. It is accepted that the available visibility over the adjacent boundary walls may be suitable for the majority of users it doesn't not cater for the needs of wheel chair or mobility scooter users.

A similar scenario exists for users emerging onto Chatburn Road

2 The second area of concern is where the route emerges onto the footway at the Greendale Café. This area is frequently obstructed by parked vehicles having

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become a parking area used by café users and local residents. This parking would obstruct horse and mobility scooter/ wheelchair users forcing them onto the carriageway and into a live traffic stream. Beyond this area the footway remains narrow and unsuitable for horse riders thereby extending the length of time in the carriageway.

Whilst I appreciate the desire to remove vulnerable road users from this section of Chatburn Road, in order for this route to be considered acceptable in highway terms it should provide a safe route for users of all abilities along its full length. Unfortunately this is not the case and on the basis of the concerns expressed above, I would have to recommend that the application be refused

Yours faithfully

Dave Bloomer
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