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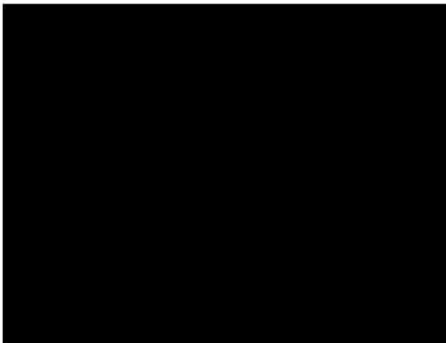


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**Planning Application Reference Number:** 3/2021/1008

**Address of Development:** Land at Higher Hodder Bridge (Field to South) Chipping Road Chaigley Clitheroe BB7 3LP

**Your Comments:** Planning Department  
Ribble Valley Borough Council  
Clitheroe  
Lancashire  
BB7 2RA

Dear Sirs,

I am writing on behalf of Bowland Game Fishing Association (BGFA) in respect of the planning application 3/2021/1008. BGFA has no objection to the proposed development.

BGFA purchased the fishing rights and access to the river Hodder downstream of Higher Hodder Bridge in 1997. We

own the fishings on both banks adjacent to the field of the proposed development. Access to our fishings is from the true left bank (looking downstream from Higher Hodder Bridge).

Since we purchased the fishings we have enjoyed a good relationship with our surrounding land owners and have had unrestricted access to our car park /hut adjacent to the bridge and up and down the riverbanks. The proposed project to build a residence on the field in which our car park and hut exists, would actually improve our access. The existing arrangement of access is through

a locked gate from the road. Although this arrangement has worked well we have on occasions had access blocked by cars parked across the gate. The planning application would have this gate removed and replaced by an access road and provision within the proposal has taken into account our existing access. By taking away the gate would remove any further incidents

experienced in the past. The field in which the new establishment is planned to be built has been used by our members to access the fishing lower downstream and [REDACTED] have advised us that the current arrangements through the field will not change post construction of the new residence.

Regarding Environmental and Conservation matters, presently the field is used for livestock (mainly sheep) and appears to have all wild meadow

plants removed and replaced with a grass monoculture which supports very few insects and no other wild plants. Currently and in each year the field is used for the spreading of farm slurry which has been well documented as being one of

the prime causes of agricultural pollution of our rivers. Should planning permission be granted it is our view that the environmental issues created by slurry would be removed which would actually improve the health of the river.

Also, the proposed addition of indigenous tree species and wild flower meadow would greatly enhance the flora and fauna in what, at present, is a very barren

field. Trees along the river bank would provide stability and much needed shade to the river, especially during the low flows in summer months. The extra shade would reduce the water temperatures and help reduce the algae bloom that comes as a reaction to sunlight, thus improving the health of the river. Many species including river invertebrates, land bred insects, fish, mammals and birds would benefit from the improved environmental plans submitted.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]