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To: Planning
Subject: Planning Application Comments - 3/2022/1129 FS-Case-478284036

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Planning Application Reference No.: 3/2022/1129

Address of Development: Martholme Greenway

Comments: Under no circumstances should retrospective planning permission be given. [REDACTED] has effectively blocked the way by bulldozing a massive trench through the old railway line.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 January 2023 20:29
To: Planning
Subject: Retrospective Planning Application Planning application 3/2022/1129
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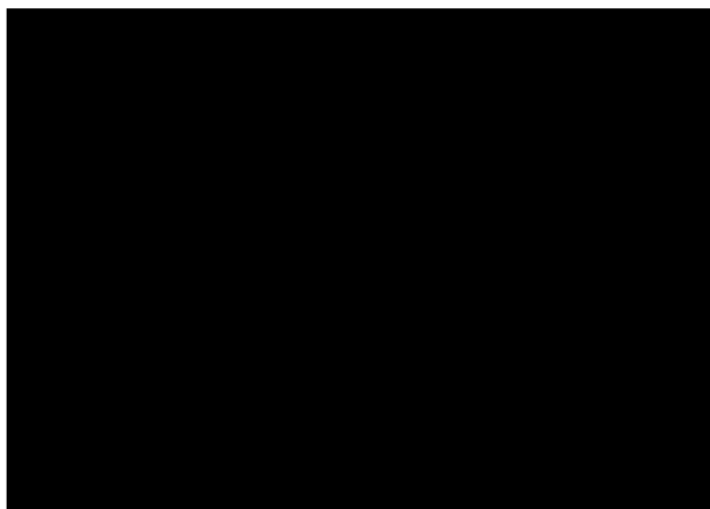
For the attention of Mr.David Kilmartin,

Dear Mr. Kilmartin,

Please find attached my letter of objection to the Retrospective Planning Application 3/2022/1129 made by Bridge Hey Wood Caravan Park Dunkirk Farm Read BB12 7RR.

Also attached are the photos of the destructive nature of the "MINOR WORK" carried out. No doubt you will have received these photographs before, but I attach because they are so upsetting.

With kind regards,



For the attention of Mr. David Kilmartin

January 7th 2023.

RE:-Planning application 3/2022/1129

Dear Sir,

I write in objection to this Retrospective Planning Application 3/2022/1129 regarding the Land at the Old Track Bed, Bridge Heywood Caravan Park, Whalley Road, Read. i.e. The application is for retrospective change of use with minor engineering works and associated landscaping works for the reuse of the former railway embankment and track bed to form an informal recreational amenity area in association with the adjacent holiday park.

I am a [REDACTED] and have had the pleasure of walking the old Railway track at Martholme, the Southern Side of the Viaduct" for the past [REDACTED]

Indeed before the Landowner restricted access to his side of the Viaduct [REDACTED], enjoyed walking along the now contentious railway embankment to Read. !!!

Of particular pleasure are, or were, the views offered from the viewing point of the Viaduct. These views now to the North have been severely compromised by the dreadful and thoughtless destruction of the many old and mature trees that grew on the banks of the old track bordering the Caravan Park. This was a wildlife

haven for many species of both plant and animal that thrived in this unique environment.....now all gone.

The dreadful Bund and Ditch bulldozed into position at the Read end of the Viaduct has both removed the supporting earth to the Viaduct itself, and has, as importantly, made the passage of Badgers now impossible. The prescriptive hole left to allow the Badgers to move from one side of the Viaduct land to the other side, when the fence was first raised, was blocked by the landowner before this destructive work started.

The Landowner states that this Bund and Ditch has been constructed to prevent trespass by non residents of his Caravan Park onto his land. There was, and still is, a 2meter high Metal Fence with spikes along the top to prevent this...and this together with substancial drops of 4/5 meters each side of the viaduct wall...is surely enough to prevent the worry of Trespass without the construction of this eyesore.

Access to the Viaduct has always been fully accessible from the Southern end, so to state on the Land Owner's map that the Viaduct is "NO ACCESS OVER THE VIADUCT" is incorrect and only made non accessible by the Landowner himself. The "Bridge Heywood Woodland Walk Map". shown on his map also includes land that is not owned by the Landowner, but by Railway Paths Ltd. On the deed there is no permitted access for Caravan residents, so this part of the walk should not be included in these designated Nature Walks.

As to the questions on the Application Form that relates to the Trees and Hedges on the Site....."Are there Trees and Hedges on the Proposed Development Site?"..."And/Or Are there trees or hedges on the land adjacent to the proposed development site that could influence the

development or might be important as part of the local landscape character?".....the applicant has replied "NO" to both of these questions. This is so NOT TRUE.

When work started on this destruction, the trees on the embankment, and its bankings were at least 70 years oldcorresponding species of the same age, are to be found at the Southern wooded areas over the viaduct where people walk. They are mature trees and bushes.

Why would the applicant destroy these most beautiful trees and undergrowth?.....the home to countless species of birds, mammals, reptiles and insects.....now it is an awful grey mound of earth stretching the length of his Park. Seasonal wild flowers together with Deer, Badgers, Foxes and hunting Buzzards and Kestrels were seen in the past.....now NOTHING.

Under the section of the Application Form "Biodiversity and Geological Conservation" the applicant indicated NO to all the questions. His actions are in total disregard to the above questions, and are there to be seen as evidence .

Hardcore now forms the level top to form a "Sterile" pathway which also houses picnic benches.....one can only describe it as a "Stone desert"..infertile and lifeless. It will take years for this eyesore to blend into our once beautiful, unspoilt landscape.

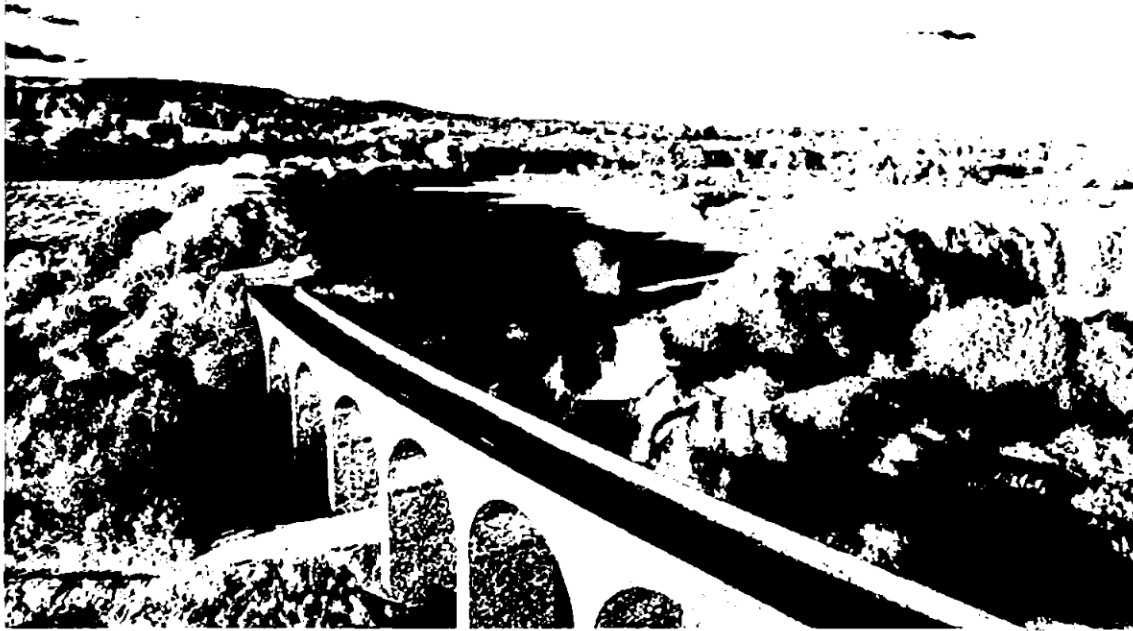
As well as the now dreadful view of it from the Viaduct itself, it is plainly seen from the main road to Read A671.

"Minor engineering works and associated landscaping works to this site".....most certainly not. Instead dreadful destruction of a unique, biodiversified ecological site.

Regards,

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Tree removal planning application 3/2022/1129



Original tree cover at Read end of the viaduct at start of works.



The bund is created and tree felling started July 2020



October 2020 the tree felling is well advanced, south side of banking is clear felled.



March 2021 Benches installed and gravel sub-base starts to be laid

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Planning Application Reference No.: 3/2022/1129

Address of Development: Bridge Hey Wood Caravan Park Dunkirk Farm Read BB12 7RR

Comments: A large area of mature trees have been cut down. Was this licenced? Although the biodiversity loss cannot be undone in the short term the owners should be obliged to reinstate the woodland with a long term financed management plan. It is a shame because, had the owners asked advice in the first place they could have achieved their development objectives within a beautiful woodland setting with far less financial and environmental cost.