

## **Application 3/2023/0946**

**Moorcock House, Slaidburn Road, Waddington, BB7 3AA**

**Retention of re-positioned access gate and stone track off Slaidburn Road**

**Additional details requested by Highways Authority (Ref D3. 2023. 0946)**

### **Operational Statement**

The access is an existing access to agricultural land and a disused quarry owned by the applicants. The access is used to allow agricultural vehicles including tractors and pasture topping machinery to the grazing land for general farm maintenance, fencing, bracken cutting etc.

The applicants are engaging with the Farming in the Protected Landscape officer, Tarja Wilson, to access grant funding for hedgerow creation and bracken control.

The access is also used to transport sheep to the grazing land using a 4 wheel drive and livestock trailer.

It is important to state that the access is an existing access and can be used by these vehicles without restriction. The gate was previously within the parcel boundary adjacent to the highway and meant that vehicles were required to stop on the highway to allow the gate to be opened and closed.

Moving the gateway back 15 metres from the highway allows the vehicles (tractors, 4 wheel drives and trailers) to leave the highway before opening the gate.

The use of the track is private and restricted to the applicants own access. No commercial activities other than the farming of the land takes place.

### **Visibility Splay**

A plan is attached showing that a visibility splay of 215.00 metres at a point 2.4 from the highway edge at the centre of the proposed access can be achieved.

A small length of wall will be reduced to 900mm and trees will be trimmed back to the boundary wall line north of the access to maintain the required visibility.

### **Track Details**

The existing track is constructed of permeable stone which has been established for many years. Additional layers of stone have been added when the condition of the track requires.

The proposed entrance will be surfaced with permeable tarmac. A drop kerb will be installed to the highway edge.

See image below and accompanying plans

