

Supporting Statement

Alteration to access gate off Slaidburn Road (Retrospective application)

This statements should be read together with the application form and accompanying plans and drawings.

The application is made on behalf of Paul and Lilly Haworth, Moorcock House, Waddington.

The application involves the re-positioning of an access gate to the applicants land off Slaidburn Road immediately north of the former Moorcock Inn. The gate provides access to a former quarry and agricultural land.

The former gate was within 4 metres of the highway edge and meant that vehicles, including a four wheel drive and horse trailer were required to stop on the highway to allow the gate to be opened or closed.

In the interests of highway safety the applicants re-positioned the gate 15 metres from the highway to allow vehicles to stop off the highway for access and egress to the land.

The works include the repositioning of a 4.5m metal gate and additional planting with bay shrubs and native species trees.

The gate is set back from the road and presents no visual intrusion. There is no impact on the landscape and character of the area.

The sight lines are unaffected by the works and are in excess of 215 metres in each direction from 2.4m from the highway edge.

The area of track between the highway and gate (15.00m) will be surfaced with a bound permeable tarmacadam. Surface water will drain to an existing drain.

In the interests of highway safety we hope the planning authority will support this application.



