

# **Planning Statement**

## **Applicant**

17<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Little Town Farm  
Chipping Road  
Thornley  
Preston  
Lancashire  
PR3 2TB

## **Proposed alteration to vehicular access from Chipping Road.**

The proposed application is for the betterment of vehicle access from Chipping Road onto Little Town Farm site.

There are 4 separate family businesses operating from the Little Town Farm site:-

Little Town Farming  
Little Town Dairy  
Little Town Farm Shop & Café  
So Plants Country Garden Store

Each business has incrementally increased in size over the years which in turn has created a greater number of vehicle movement to and from the site. Although at present the access track nominally is 4.00m wide at best is sufficient for single file traffic. The main problem is H.G.V access in and out along with customer car access. At the moment it is not possible for any H.G.V and a private car to pass on the existing access track. This ultimately is causing unnecessary traffic hold up on the Chipping Road. Also because there is a public right of way along the existing track this is also obstructive. From a genuine worry regarding the health & safety care of the potential customers and H.G.V traffic we are seeking approval. The separate footpath area to the side of the concrete track behind the proposed hedge line will give a definite clearly defined walking access footpath.

From a staff member count, I wish to state at this point in time within all 4 businesses there are 48 No. Full time staff and 28 No. Part time staff.

The B.N.G aspect regarding the loss of agricultural land with this application has been more than adequately dealt with within the application.