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**Reference** 3/2025/0537

**Location** Root Farm Dunsop Bridge Clitheroe BB7 3BB

Proposal Change of use of remaining two traditional buildings at Root Farm to Class E

use.

### **Dear Planning Department**

Lancashire County Council Public Rights of Way Team is not supportive of the plans and provides the following.

## Comments/Objections

Footpath FP0308019 is recorded as running along the access track to the proposed development, as shown by the indicative line on the attached overlay. The Public Right of Way team is responsible for the surface being in a condition that is safe and fit for pedestrians, it does not maintain the route to a standard that is appropriate for vehicle use, nor does the Lancashire County Council Public Right of Way team wish to see the route deteriorate because of an increase in vehicle usage.

The Lancashire County Council Public Rights of Way team have no record of any public vehicular rights along FP0308019. The applicant should be certain that they have private vehicular rights along this public path before driving on it either during construction or for subsequent access. Without private vehicular rights or permission from the owner it is a criminal offence to drive a motor vehicle on the public path.

### Obstruction

The infringement or obstruction of the existing public rights would be a criminal offence and one that would be subject to enforcement should it be impeded. To prevent this from occurring the right of way should always remain clear, not to be excavated nor used to park or store materials, vehicles or machinery.

#### Ground level/drainage

Any changes in ground level or installation of drainage should ensure that surface water is not discharged onto the public right of way either within the proposed development site or in close proximity – this is to ensure public rights of way are not exposed to potential flooding or future maintenance issues.

# Landscaping

Any trees or bushes should to be at least 3 metres away from a public right of way to prevent any health and safety issues and potential maintenance issues e.g. Overhanging branches or roots coming through the surface of the footpath concerned either within the proposed development or in close proximity.

## **Temporary closure**

If works relating to the proposed development are likely to cause a health and safety risk to users of a public right of way a temporary closure order must be made and in effect prior to commencing those works. Applications should be made 8 weeks before commencement to avoid delay to the works. Further details on closure can be found at <a href="Request a temporary closure of a public right of way - Lancashire County Council">Request a temporary closure of a public right of way - Lancashire County Council</a>

#### **Publicity of Application**

All planning applications that affect a public right of way (footpath, bridleway or byway), must be publicised by site notice in at least one place on or near the land to which the application relates for not less than 21 days; and by publication of the notice in a newspaper circulating in the locality in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

## Regards

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