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Reference 3/2025/0606
Location Eatoughs Farm Fleet Street Lane Ribchester PR3 3XE
Proposal Proposed riding arena, stables, store room, hard standing and access

Dear Planning Department

Lancashire County Council Public Rights of Way Team provides the following comments and concerns.

Comments/Objections

Footpath FP0335035 is recorded through the proposed development accessed along Fleet Street Lane and the agricultural track also recorded as footpath FP0333038 and FP0305037, as shown by the indicative line on the attached overlay.

The location of the proposed menage raises concerns as to the available width remaining for the provision of the footpath. The National Planning Policy Framework 2024 places an obligation on developments to protect and enhance public rights of way and access, including taking opportunities to provide better facilities for users. It is the view of the Public Rights of way Team that the development does not meet this requirement without there being a minimum 2 meters usable width between the menage, greater if electric fencing is to be used and planting along the field boundary.

The granting of planning consent does not entitle the developer to obstruct the Public Right of Way. Therefore, the infringement or obstruction of the footpath would be a criminal offence and one that would be subject to enforcement should it be impeded. To prevent this occurring the right of way should always remain accessible and not used to park or store materials, vehicles or machinery during or proceeding construction.

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 Traffic Regulation Order (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 closures can be found at [Request a temporary closure of a public right of way - Lancashire County Council](#). **A Temporary Closure Order cannot be made unless the proposed works are lawful. To justify a temporary closure, evidence of a 'confirmed diversion Order' must accompany an application to permanently obstruct the right(s) of way.**

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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