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**Planning Application Reference No.:** 3/2026/0251

**Address of Development:** Fields farm Mearley, Pendleton, BB71PU

**Comments:** While I have no objections to the proposed alterations to the building itself I have safety concerns about the proposed access route which will come through two working farmyards and follow a single track private road / bridle way for about 1 mile from Laneside Farm to Pendleton Hall Farm . There are passing places about every 1/4 mile but the road is, in places, in poor condition with large pot holes and the construction traffic which will need to use it, presumably for many months , will cause further deterioration to the road surface and will struggle to fit into the passing places . There are some areas of the road which are so narrow with bends that any very large or long lorries would not be able to navigate them.

As I understand it, the previous planning application was refused in part due to the proposed access onto the A59 (at present used by farm vehicles to access the surrounding land) being too dangerous . This road is a dual carriageway with a 60mph limit . At this original proposed point of access it is flat, straight, with good visibility in both directions . In contrast , the new proposed access point is onto Clitheroe road which is a winding country road going uphill from the A59 and over Pendle Hill, also with a 60mph speed limit but with extremely poor visibility when exiting the farmyard especially in the summer when the vegetation has grown . The entrance to the farmyard is on a blind bend and also opposite the road junction to Pendleton village . I feel the safer option , if planning consent is approved , would be to allow access onto the A59 where visibility of approaching traffic is clear .