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**FAO Maya Cullen**

Thank you for sending details of the planning application for commercial livery stables at Higher Cockhill.

The Parish Council has consulted on the application and, while supportive in principle, would like to highlight two concerns.

**Lighting:** other stables and yards on Hothersall Lane and surrounding areas have been approved subject to a provision that artificial lighting in the yard and stables be restricted so that no floodlighting is in use after 7.00pm at night. Only lighting essential for the security and welfare of the animals and staff should be used after that time.

**Road safety:** the junction of Hothersall Lane with Ribchester Road has a history of collisions involving fast moving traffic (the national speed limit is in force on Ribchester Road) rounding a nearby bend in the main road. The splay on Hothersall Lane cannot be widened to improve visibility because there are dwellings on either side of the lane. We urge Lancashire County Council to reassess the speed limit on Ribchester Road as the probability is that cars, with trailers and horseboxes attached, will be at risk when entering and exiting. Although presently tractors with trailers use the junction, those drivers have the advantage of being much higher up and thus able to see oncoming traffic more clearly than any car driver could. Until this is resolved, the Parish Council has serious reservations about the proposal.

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