

Dear Laura Eastwood

I would like to register an objection to the planning application 3/2021/0188 for the proposed dog training facility on Slaidburn road. Please find below the list of reasons for my objection.

1. Currently there are stables and a static caravan on this site which were refused retrospective planning permission by your department so they should not be there.
2. The proposed office block and package treatment plant would require electricity and water connections as there are currently none in place, this has not been mentioned on the planning application.
3. There are concerns, as highlighted in the environmental report for the application that there may be issues with noise encroaching on neighbouring properties. There is speculation that the dog training facility will specialise in the training of gun dogs which requires by its nature the use of simulated shotgun noise. This has negative effects for local livestock and for nearby residents. As well as this the dog barking could also be unsettling for the locality.
4. The site is surrounded on most sides by livestock including sheep, horses and game. It's not clear how the dogs will be supervised 24/7 and should there be a security breach there is a danger that the dogs may cause harm to sheep. On top of this there is a nearby game (Pheasants) business which may be affected by the noise. With horse riders using the track near the site there is no plan to reduce risk from startling the horses and causing injury to riders.
5. There are serious issues with the entrance to the site, and this cannot be stressed enough. Numerous cyclists come past this concealed entrance at high speeds along with other traffic at 60mph. The least traffic using this exit would ensure that the risk is kept to a minimum to other road users.
6. There are errors/inaccuracies in the application.
 - The office plan suggests at least five staff however the parking plan only accommodates 2 cars.
 - The application states that there is no watercourse within 20metres. There most definitely is. On top of this there is a drinking water reservoir which is within 20metres which the application completely fails to mention.
 - There is no plan at all offered for the removal of dog waste from the site.

Thank you for giving these comments on the application your consideration.

