

NED/20/01137/FL – Holmesfield

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Demolition of existing buildings, and conversion of existing buildings, to form single dwelling, restoration and retention of ancillary buildings, erection of four new dwellings with associated landscaping, parking and access, all formerly used for livery business (resubmission of 19/00786/FL) (conservation area/affecting the setting of a listed building/affecting a public right of way) at Cartledge Hall Farm, Holmesfield.

It is necessary to clarify and legalise the status of Footpath26 .Previous comments by walking groups have expressed concerns which have not been resolved.

Historically the route from south to north did not pas through the whole farm,but veered eastwards to meet Bridleway53.About 4 decades ago the previous owner (now deceased) blocked the footpath/ bridleway junction and instead allowed walkers to pass straight through the farm on the tract to the northern gate.This footpath has now been signposted by the council and is frequently used as a walking route through the countryside between Cartledge and Millthorpe.

Under the proposed plan the farm track would become a hard-surfaced Road used by potential residents,visitors and service vehicles.The future use of the footpath must be discussed and considered.

The legal position of the present route needs to be regularised and if necessary redesignated before further action is taken on the planning application.

Indeed who would buy the threshing barn when their solicitor points out that a public right of way goes right through the middle.

I'm guessing about 20 years ago in Gosforth Valley there was all he'll let loose when it was pointed out that houses had been built on a public right of way,it took years to sort out and residents were unable to sell their houses and were in fear they could be demolished.

Yours Faithfully,

Dr Greetham