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Whitestone 1 — Firsby and Conisbrough Parks

1. I would like to ask the Planning Inspectors to visit some of the locations around Whitestone 1, particularly the countryside and bridleways surrounding [redacted], Firsby.

2. As I explained in my original representation, [redacted] is effectively my second home. I spend a lot of time there and regularly use the surrounding public rights of way for training. They are quiet countryside routes away from busy roads, and I would really like the Inspectors to experience the area for themselves before making any decisions about its future.

3. I would particularly like the Inspectors to visit the following places:

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Location

Why I think it should be visited

1. [redacted] and surrounding area, Firsby

To see how close the proposed solar development would be to [redacted] and rides directly into the countryside.

2. Conisbrough Parks Bridleway 13

To see the peaceful surroundings and understand what it could be like for horse riders if construction vehicles, machinery and workers were operating nearby.

3. Conisbrough Parks Bridleway 4 and the connecting routes

To understand how the bridleways form a network used by local people, rather than just looking at individual paths on a map.

4. Public rights of way overlooking Whitestone 1

To see the open countryside, the hills and the views that could be affected by such a large development.

4. My biggest worry is still [redacted]. She can currently ride straight from home into the countryside. Horses can react suddenly to unfamiliar noise, movement and machinery, and I worry about what could happen if her horse became frightened. Just because a bridleway is shown as open on a plan doesn't necessarily mean it will be safe to ride along.

5. One of the things I love about our [redacted] is how peaceful it is. Sometimes all you can hear are the birds. I don't think photographs or reports can really show what this area is like, which is why I feel it is so important for the Inspectors to come and see it.

6. I am also worried about the flooding we already experience around the property and whether a development of this size could make matters worse. I would like the Inspectors to see the surrounding land and how it slopes towards the area around [redacted].

7. I also think the wider countryside around Conisbrough Parks deserves to be seen. It is an historic landscape with connections to Conisbrough Castle, and I would hate to see its character changed without the Inspectors fully appreciating what is there now.

8. I understand the Inspectors cannot visit everywhere, but if they could visit [redacted] and the nearby bridleways, particularly Bridleway 13, I think they would get a much better understanding of why I am so concerned about Whitestone 1.

Thank you for considering my request.