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Dear Examining Authority,
I am writing further to my representation objecting to the proposed Whitestone 1 development at Conisbrough Parks.
My family operates a livestock farm that relies on the surrounding grassland for grazing and producing hay and silage. I also operate a farming diversification business and a livery yard, with customers, including children, who regularly ride horses throughout Conisbrough Parks.
I respectfully request that the Examining Authority undertakes Accompanied Site Inspections of the locations set out below.
I believe it is essential that the inspectors experience this landscape first-hand to understand how it functions as productive agricultural land, an interconnected equestrian network and an important historic and recreational environment.
1. Family Farm and Agricultural Land – Conisbrough Parks
I request an inspection of the land used by our family for livestock grazing and the production of hay and silage.
These fields form part of an established farming operation. I would welcome the opportunity to explain how they are managed, how our farming activities depend on them and how the proposed development could affect our business.
I ask that the inspectors consider the practical consequences of losing access to agricultural land, including potential disruption to grazing arrangements and fodder production.
Purpose: To understand the relationship between the proposed development and the continued operation of an existing livestock farm.
2. Livery Yard and Equestrian Access
I request an accompanied inspection of our livery yard and the routes used by customers to access Conisbrough Parks.
Our customers include children and less experienced riders who depend on suitable and safe riding routes.
I am particularly concerned about the potential effects of heavy construction vehicles, noise, machinery and changes to existing access arrangements.
Horses can react unpredictably to unfamiliar activity, with potentially serious consequences for riders.
Purpose: To understand the practical safety considerations for an established livery business and its customers.
3. Conisbrough Parks Bridleway 4 – Entire Route
I specifically request that the Examining Authority travels the entire length of Conisbrough Parks Bridleway 4, preferably accompanied by someone familiar with its regular equestrian use.
This bridleway is important to riders accessing and leaving Conisbrough Parks, including customers from our livery yard.
I believe that inspecting only one location would fail to demonstrate how the route functions as part of a continuous journey.
The inspectors should experience the changes in terrain, visibility, vegetation, surrounding land use and proximity to potential construction activity.
I also ask that they consider how the route connects with the wider bridleway network and the implications of any proposed crossing, closure or diversion.
Purpose: To appreciate the complete riding experience and the importance of safe, continuous access into and out of Conisbrough Parks.
4. Conisbrough Parks Bridleway 13 – Former Viewpoint 12 and Ancient Woodland
I specifically request that the Examining Authority walks along Conisbrough Parks Bridleway 13, particularly the sections near the ancient woodland.
In my experience, the views from this part of Conisbrough Parks are remarkable and contribute significantly to the character and enjoyment of the landscape.
The views change as users travel along the route, influenced by topography, woodland boundaries and the surrounding countryside.
I am particularly concerned about the treatment of former Applicant Viewpoint 12, which I understand was excluded from the final Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment.
I do not consider that the photographic position adequately represented the visual experience along Bridleway 13, particularly near the ancient woodland.
I believe that inspection of these locations could reveal substantially greater visual effects from Whitestone 1 than are apparent from the Applicant's selected viewpoints.
I therefore ask the Examining Authority to:
1. Walk the relevant length of Bridleway 13, including the sections near the ancient woodland.
2. Examine the changing views towards Whitestone 1 from different positions along the route.
3. Consider the visual experience of mounted horse riders, whose elevated position can provide views above some vegetation.
4. Examine the Applicant's reasons for excluding former Viewpoint 12.
5. Consider whether the existing Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment adequately represents the visual effects experienced along this bridleway, including in winter.
I am concerned that the omission of this viewpoint may have resulted in the visual effects along Bridleway 13 being understated.
Purpose: To establish whether the Applicant's viewpoint selection adequately reflects the actual landscape and visual experience along Bridleway 13.
5. Rural Roads and Construction Traffic Routes
I request inspections of the rural roads proposed to accommodate construction traffic serving Whitestone 1, particularly where these roads are shared by agricultural vehicles, horse riders and other local road users.
I am concerned that additional heavy construction traffic could increase risks on roads that already accommodate a mixture of agricultural, residential and equestrian traffic.
I ask that inspectors examine road widths, visibility, passing opportunities and the potential interaction between large construction vehicles and horses.
Purpose: To assess the practical conditions facing existing road users and the potential safety implications of construction

traffic.
6. Proposed Construction Crossings and Public Rights of Way
I request accompanied inspections of the proposed construction crossing points affecting bridleways and public footpaths within Whitestone 1.
I am concerned about the implications of temporary closures, diversions, construction vehicle movements and other restrictions on the existing network.
These arrangements need to be considered from the perspective of horse riders, including children and less experienced riders, as well as walkers.
Purpose: To understand whether the proposed crossing and access arrangements adequately address equestrian safety and continuity of the public rights-of-way network.
7. Conisbrough Parks – Historic Landscape and Medieval Deer Park
I request an inspection of representative locations within Conisbrough Parks to appreciate its historic landscape character.
The area is associated with the historic medieval deer park, believed to date from around the 12th century.
I am concerned that the introduction of extensive solar arrays, fencing, tracks and associated infrastructure would fundamentally change the experience of this landscape.
I ask the inspectors to consider the relationship between its agricultural use, historic character, woodland and established public rights of way.
Purpose: To appreciate the existing historic landscape and the potential effects of Whitestone 1 on its character.
8. Countryside Stewardship, SFI and Biodiversity
I request an inspection of the areas where our family has undertaken environmental land management through Countryside Stewardship and Sustainable Farming Incentive arrangements.
We have invested considerable time and effort in improving biodiversity and protecting wildlife through our farming practices.
I would welcome the opportunity to explain these measures and how construction or changes in land use could affect them.
Purpose: To understand the environmental work already undertaken and whether the potential effects on these established measures have been adequately assessed.
Why Accompanied Inspections Are Necessary
I respectfully request that these visits are accompanied, wherever practicable, because there are important matters that cannot be fully appreciated from photographs, maps or written assessments.
As someone directly involved in farming and operating a livery yard, I can explain how the land and bridleways are used in practice.
In particular, I believe it is important that the Examining Authority experiences Bridleways 4 and 13 as continuous routes, rather than relying on individual photographic viewpoints.
I would be willing to assist with access to our land and with explaining the relevant farming and equestrian activities, subject to suitable arrangements.
Summary of Requested Inspections

Ref	Location	Principal reason
1	Family agricultural land	Grazing, hay and silage production
2	Livery yard and access routes	Equestrian safety, including children
3	Conisbrough Parks Bridleway 4 – entire route	Continuous riding experience and access
4	Conisbrough Parks Bridleway 13 – near ancient woodland	Former Viewpoint 12 and potential visual effects
5	Rural construction traffic routes	Agricultural and equestrian road safety
6	W1 construction crossing points	Safe crossings and route continuity
7	Conisbrough Parks historic landscape	Medieval deer park and landscape character
8	Countryside Stewardship and SFI land	Biodiversity and existing environmental management

Conclusion
I am not opposed to renewable energy. Our family already has solar installations on our own land.
My objection is to the proposed location and scale of Whitestone 1 and its potential consequences for our farming operations, livery business, equestrian safety, biodiversity and the historic landscape of Conisbrough Parks.
I believe that the requested inspections would assist the Examining Authority in understanding the actual effects of this development.
I respectfully ask that the Examining Authority considers whether these impacts can be adequately avoided or mitigated and, if they cannot, whether Whitestone 1 should be removed from the proposed development.
Thank you for considering my requests.





