

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write in objection to the appeal relating to the above proposal, for the following reasons:

I live one mile away from the proposed location, and I use Burgess Lane every day as I keep my horse at the livery yard mentioned in the appeal and I regularly ride along the lane. In my experience, HGVs very rarely drive down the lane, with the exception of council refuse collection vehicles, and to my knowledge no HGVs operate from Burgess Lane. The lane itself is narrow, with few passing opportunities (I think there is only one dedicated passing place between the cattle shed in question and the A539), visibility is not good, and the road condition is extremely poor. The road is primarily used by cars (not many) and non-motorised users including dog walkers and equestrians. Horse boxes do come and go from the livery yard, but on an infrequent basis and certainly less than once a week on average.

Given the narrowness of the lane and the lack of passing places, it would not be easy for NMUs and larger vehicles to give each other the space they need and indeed I would be concerned for my own safety whilst riding. I would draw to your attention the advice given by the British Horse Society regarding vehicles and horses on the road as follows:

- If passing a horse from behind - heed the rider, handler or carriage driver's signal. Only pass if safe to do so. If the horse looks nervous or the person in control of the horse is having difficulty - leave plenty of space between you and the horse and wait patiently for the horse to be under control, or for them to pull over to a safe place to pass.
- If a road is narrow and there is not enough room to pass safely as if passing another car, please approach slowly, or stop, and allow the equestrian to find a safe place off the road where you can pass safely.
- It may not always be possible for a rider or carriage driver to pull into a safe passing space. If you meet a horse head on, it can be easier for the driver to reverse to a safe passing space. If you are behind a horse, please wait patiently until there is a safe place to pass.

The Highway Code states:

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Horse riders and horse-drawn vehicles. Be particularly careful of horse riders and horse-drawn vehicles especially when approaching, overtaking, passing or moving away. Always pass wide and slowly. When you see a horse on a road, you should slow down to a maximum of 10 mph. Be patient, do not sound your horn or rev your engine. When safe to do so, pass wide and slow, allowing at least 2 metres of space.

The topography of Burgess Lane is not conducive to safe interactions between larger vehicles and NMUS, particularly equestrians, nor indeed to vehicle-vehicle interactions, and any increase in the amount of traffic would inevitably have an adverse impact on Burgess Lane's safety.

Yours faithfully
Amanda Harrison