

**Wendy Strangeway**

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**From:** Catriona Cook  
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Dear Mrs Saunders,

**Proposed grass runway and pilots building: South Moor Farm, Langdale End, Scarborough**

The British Horse Society objects to this planning application for the following reasons.

The Inspectors at the various inquiries dismissed any concerns as regards the effect on the riding public using the bridleway and the adjoining road. Horses vary in their temperament and one can always find some placid horses living along side an air strip such as this. But the majority of horses which are ridden these days are more highly bred for competition work and enjoyment of a balanced responsive ride. This means that the Inspectors were misguided in dismissing the likelihood of accidents with riders, and I do not think they even considered the effect on either riders or drivers of horses using the road. Holiday riders touring on horseback are new to the area, and come especially to this area for its tranquillity; revving plane engines cannot be described as peaceful or compatible with rural tranquillity.

It is imperative that if the scheme should go ahead that there are conditions to minimise the effect on the equine riding/driving public.

1. the bridleway must **not** be fenced in. Horses are fright and flight animals and a fence will not stop a frightened horse; which means that it will either crash through it or jump it, either of which depending on the competence of the rider could be a disaster for the horse and/or rider.
2. pilots should be instructed to circle round the airstrip before landing to see that the bridleway/road are clear of riders or carriage drivers. The latter category who can legitimately use the road, if spooked have a far greater likelihood of the driver being hurt.
3. some form of warning flag should be erected before take off, and then taken down after the event, by a member from the farm. These preferably red flags should be erected to enable approaching riders/drivers to see well in advance of riding/driving past the airstrip.

It is very disappointing that the Inspectors have apparently ignored the special qualities of the National Park, which people seek out to re-charge their batteries. And those on holiday in the area, especially if accompanied by a horse, greatly enhance the local economy.

Yours sincerely,

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