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## Construction of a cattle underpass at land west of Grange Farm, Staintondale.

In exercise of my delegated powers I would confirm Staintondale Parish Council has no objections to this application. However it does wish to make the following observations/comments.

In the long term an underpass would be the least disruptive to residents and road users. However there is potential for considerable disruption during construction and the Parish Council would not wish to see the road closed for days or weeks on end during construction.

There is a need to ensure the design and construction are of a sufficient strength and longevity to avoid problems on this busy section of road. Likewise there needs to be adequate monitoring during construction to ensure no short cuts are taken. This is a significant civil engineering project which needs to be carried out by companies with the necessary skills, qualifications, experience and insurance as well as a proven record of successful construction of similar (or more complex) projects. It is hoped that Highways, as a statutory consultee, will require stringent conditions be placed on any consent so as to ensure the integrity of the existing highway both during and after construction.

There is no indication on the submitted plans as to the points where the "sections through" are taken. There is no indication in the application as to whether, once construction is completed, the gateways either side of the road for the existing road crossing will be closed.

The underpass is shown as being under 7 feet high - that will severely restrict the type of machinery which can be used to remove slurry/FYM. Additionally it appears the underpass will not be gated - as a consequence cattle are likely to congregate in the underpass. There are also strong concerns about pollution caused by slurry draining off into the nearby watercourse. The underpass will be the lowest point of the construction. It is understood that in the past the road to the south has had to be repaired as a result of drainage-related subsidence.

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