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To whom it may concern,

I am writing as a frequent visitor to Longcroft Barn to express my concerns regarding the recent planning application for a change of access through Townsend Farm, Horton. I regularly visit my friend who lives at Longcroft Barn, and as such, I feel a personal responsibility to raise my objections to the proposed changes.

Currently, the access from Tollgate Road is straightforward and safe, with no visibility issues when approaching. However, the proposed new access is further down the lane, on a bend and slope, where visibility in both directions is significantly limited. This creates a dangerous situation for all vehicles e.g. those vehicles travelling on the lane (large farm vehicles, trailers and milk tankers etc), and any visitors to the either properties that will be blocking the lane whilst turning into the new proposed access.

Given that this is a narrow and busy lane, the altered access could pose an increased risk, especially in adverse weather conditions. Frequently the lane is wet and muddy, therefore I'm concerned that drivers, myself included, would have difficulty stopping safely in such conditions; either on the lane prior to turning into the new access, or for drivers pulling up behind me as I block to the road to turn.

Furthermore, I'm unclear on the need for this change, as the current access has functioned without issue for over a century. I would appreciate clarification on the reasoning behind this proposal.

Thank you for considering my concerns, and I hope they will be taken into account.

Kind regards
Liz Mathison