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The logo for The British Horse Society, featuring the text "The British Horse Society" in white serif font on a dark red square background.

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Via email

25th January 2021

Dear Mr Breadman,

RE: DC/21/00317 | Full Planning Application - Conversion of agricultural barn to form 1No dwelling and cartlodge (amended scheme to that previously approved under class Q). | Ryes Farm Pettaugh Lane Gosbeck Ipswich Suffolk IP6 9SF

I am responding to this consultation on behalf of The British Horse Society, an equestrian Charity which represents the 3 million horse riders in the UK. Nationally equestrians have just 22% of the rights of way network. In Suffolk, they have just 18% of the rights of way network, increasingly disjointed by roads which were once quiet and are now heavily used by traffic resulting from development within the County. It is therefore important that these public rights are protected.

The British Horse Society has no objection to this application in principle but believes that historical evidence indicates that the unrecorded route as shown on the below map, is unrecorded as a Right of Way, this route can be reasonably alleged to subsist at a minimum of bridleway status. This public right should be asserted and not be allowed to be subsumed within this development or anything beyond it. An application to the County Council to have it recorded as such is likely to be forwarded in due course. The route shown on the map below should be upgraded to at least Bridleway status if not Restricted Byway status as a condition of the permission being granted.

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'C.D. Ditchburn'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Charlotte Ditchburn (Miss.)
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