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Dear Sirs,

Dewsbury Bus Station Reg Charity No 702232

The above Trust restores and Maintains historic omnibuses either owned by the museum or its members. The members of the Trust are predominantly male enthusiasts who rescue rare and interesting omnibuses and require secure workspace for their activities. Public access is not required and is actively discouraged for security reasons.

The machinery required is only hand tools with hydraulic lift equipment and there is no significant noise or other environmental issue of concern. Approximately 100 members will use the site in small groups at any time during the day and to suit their available time for this activity and hobby.

There are no commercial activities associated with the Trust and vehicular movements both into the site and on exit are slight and spasmodic. It is expected, in total, the vehicles eventually on site will only be approximately 16 omnibuses. Although the vehicles cannot be hired for public events due to insurance and licensing restrictions the Trust allow occasional visits for schools to see such links with the past and also other public displays by prior arrangement. The museum building is currently in Ravensthorpe which is home to about a dozen vehicles, but more space is now needed.

The barn to be utilised has been at Hazelhead Farm for many years and was formerly used for indoor composting which has now ceased. The building is not suitable for cattle being enclosed and better barns are available on site and are currently used for beef cattle.

There will be no impact on openness of the Green Belt as it already exists and will externally be unaltered within the centre of a group of similar barns.

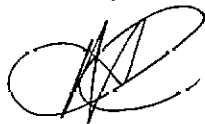
Access to the site exists from several existing access points but it is anticipated the main bus access to be utilised will be from Whams Road main commercial access road used for all major vehicle movements on the farm.

The proposal will be a perfect location for the Trust being hidden from view and within existing casual parking for the enthusiasts close by. Car parking will utilise the main house access point from Lee Lane.

I enclose correspondence from the Trust for information.

The Trust does not welcome publicity for this project because the vehicles and equipment have considerable value. I would like to discuss what elements of the project really need to be available for public access on the Council's information system if the project moves to fruition as a farming diversification project and as assistance to a registered charity.

Yours faithfully

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DEWSBURY BUS MUSEUM

WEST RIDING OMNIBUS MUSEUM TRUST

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6th September 2016

William Booth
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Planning Application for Change of use of a Barn for use for Bus Maintenance and Restoration

The West Riding Omnibus Museum Trust, **Registered charity No. 702232** is looking to rent additional facilities based at the above farm to carry out Maintenance and Restoration of historic Omnibuses owned either by the Museum or members of the Museum.

The Museums and other privately owned buses provide a valued link to the local transport history. The examples range from just after the end of WWII to the turn of the 21st century. Many are the only remaining local exhibits and are based on chassis and body manufactures and styles which are in some cases long lost while all are no longer produced.

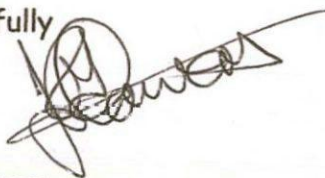
Our operational fleet provides a valued link to the past and over the course of the recent academic years we have undertaken a number of local primary school visits where the pupils can see and touch a fully working example of transport from the past. Further details of the events and activities of the Museum can be found on our website at www.dewsburybusmuseum.co.uk/#

The current Museum Building in Ravensthorpe is the home to a dozen or so of our exhibits but space there is now at a premium and additional facilities are required to both maintain those buses which are currently operational and to provide additional work space for the restoration further examples.

Myself and my fellow Trustees would ask that this request for a change of use for a barn at the above farm is looked upon favourably.

Could all correspondence which relates to this request be addressed to Andrew Beever, a fellow trustee of the Trust at the above address, e-mail: beever260@btinternet.com telephone 09124 265528 or 07824 744252.

Yours faithfully



John R Flowers
Chairman of the Trustees
Dewsbury Bus Museum (West Riding Omnibus Museum Trust)

