

About the application

Application number: 2020/90725	
What is the application for?:	Erection of 74 dwellings with associated access, parking and open space
Address of the site or building:	Land at, Penistone Road, Fenay Bridge, Huddersfield, HD8 0AW
Postcode:	S63 7ER

User comments

Type of comment: An objection

I recognise that new affordable homes are required, however my objection is based on the choice of site as follows:

1. Highways impact - Penistone Rd is busy, especially at peak times and I would question whether there could be safe access to and from the site at these times in particular without traffic management measures. The development would add to the pressure on the Rowley Lane/Penistone Road and Woodsome Rd/Penistone Rd junctions which have seen numerous accidents. If permission is granted I would urge the Council to impose conditions relating to traffic management at these junctions and to consider reducing the speed limit and/or installing speed cameras. The development is also likely to contribute to the congestion at the start and finish of Rowley Lane School.

2. Flood risk and drainage - the Council's own department object on these grounds and having seen the extent of the surface water flooding on Penistone Road and beyond earlier this year I share these concerns.

3. Landscape impact - the development would result in the loss of a greenfield and have adverse impacts on the local landscape

4. Neighbour impact - the development would have an adverse effect on the amenity of the residents on Clough Way

5. Cumulative impact - there has been significant development in the area in recent years and if this goes ahead along with development of other allocated sites in the area there will be a significant impact on the character of the area

6. Inadequate consultation - notices of the planning application were posted on the site but only a limited number of properties seem to have received letters from the Council. We live just over from the site boundary as the crow flies but only found out from neighbours that the application had been submitted. Given the restrictions people are living under at the moment I feel that the notice letters should have been issued to a wider area as footfall past the site will have been considerably lower than usual due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

Many thanks for considering these points.