About the application

Application number: 2020/92307	
What is the application for?:	Outline application for erection of residential development
Address of the site or building:	Penistone Road/, Rowley Lane, Fenay Bridge, Huddersfield, HD8 0JS
Postcode:	

User comments

Type of comment: An objection

I object to this planning application on the following grounds:

Traffic - Penistone Road is a very busy main road. Turning onto this road at present is sometimes tricky due to volume and speed of traffic. Rowley Lane which serves many residents of Lepton and Fenay Bridge is the main access to Penistone Road -and is steep, winding and with many parked cars hindering visibility at points. To add further properties which will need to use these roads could be dangerous and certainly cause congestion. I see the plan to add a roundabout but this will merely cause hold ups in all three directions.

Flooding - in the winter months when rainfall is heavy the water flow down Rowley Lane can be strong. The ironworks/access covers over the drains often lift due to the pressure of the extra water underneath the road. Despite the fields where these developments are planned absorbing some of the excess water there is still an over-spill on to Penistone Road at times - this is very dangerous given the volume of traffic using it. Without the fields to soak up some of this excess then this could be much worse. Also these new properties would take the brunt of the excess run off. Any drainage/diversion would have to be able to handle this.

Noise and Pollution - I live a few streets up from Penistone Road. I can hear the traffic very clearly - especially when the road is wet. Properties which are built right next to this road would be subject to constant noise - likely in excess of a safe decibel level? I don't think it would be a healthy place to raise a family given the sound levels and traffic air pollution.

Wildlife and Green Spaces - There are definitely bats in the area, visible from my property. There is a vast variety of birds also. We need to retain green spaces to enable wildlife to thrive. The fields are very popular for local people to exercise. They lead up to the woods and make a pleasant walk for all. People need to be able to get out into their local area to take exercise and stay healthy, and to encourage children to follow suit to live active lives.

Schools and GP - There are two primary schools in Lepton. As far as I am aware these are virtually at capacity. It wouldn't take much to exceed the places available

and then where would the children attend school? Surely it is better to aim for local children to attend a local school negating the need for travelling by car and bus. High School places are in short supply also in this area. Figures for these need to be double checked to ensure that all children of school age in the area - existing and new build residents can be educated satisfactorily. There is only one small GP surgery in Lepton. Not enough provision for all residents who don't have transport to access their partner practice in Kirkheaton.

Heritage - Castle Hill is a very important landmark. The larger amounts of green space along Penistone Road assist in making this area feeling a little less built up and allows one to appreciate the fantastic view of our symbol of Huddersfield. By building so many new properties along Penistone Road is simply extending the mass of housing further and further into the countryside.

Local Area - Houses in the immediate area of the planned development are not of the generic estate build. Many are individually designed and have been further developed over time to increase their value and visual appeal. Residents in these properties have lived here for many years and have taken pride in their homes, improving the appeal of the area. Prices are generally in a higher bracket too - so any new build estate will impact negatively upon this.

Overall I believe that these plans should not be permitted to be built on the greenbelt land. There are empty brownfield sites all around Huddersfield which could be used - this would tidy up the town as a whole whilst preserving our green spaces.