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	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	Yes

I object to this application being passed due to the following reasons:

Traffic - Lepton and Fenay Bridge area has a large amount of traffic at most times of the day. Rowley Lane is steep and winding and leads to Penistone Road which is often very busy (as it is the main road). Drivers attempting to turn right out of Rowley Lane can be obliged to wait for some time for a safe gap. Even during Covid lockdowns when there are fewers vehicles on the road there is still a substantial amount of traffic. This new development would make travel up and down Rowley Lane much more dangerous -particularly with the location suggested entrance to the lower development. In addition the first stage identifying Hermitage Park as access would, in my mind, be untenable for the residents of that street and would be hazardous to both the cars attempting to pull out onto Rowley Lane and those cars already driving up/down Rowley Lane. It is a busy route - particularly when it is time for the school run.

Drainage and Flooding - in wet weather the rainwater runs quickly down to the bottom of Rowley Lane. At times with sufficient force to 'lift' the ironworks on the road. Leading to danger to drivers. The fields where the developments are planned currently act as a soakaway, preventing all this excess water flooding Penistone Road. Properties built on these fields would be likely to require some serious flood defences/drainage.

Wildlife - There are lots of wildlife within these green fields and the neighbouring Lepton woods. Badgers, rabbits, owls - many varieties of garden birds and occasional birds of prey. Their homes would be destroyed. The developers should use brownfield sites - there are a few in the local area. Leave the fields for nature.

Views - the views from Woodsome Hall will be spoiled by this development. Also the fields currently act as a natural gap between this village and the next. The style of houses would be out of character too. Most houses in Lepton/Fenay Bridge are older cottage type houses or houses built at least 50 years ago. Many have long standing residents who have maintained and taken great pride in their homes and gardens. Modern builds crammed into a field will not blend in.

Overall I object to this development. There are just too many properties planned for the area. It will spoil this beautiful part of Huddersfield for me and many other people.