

About the application

Application number: 2020/93467	
What is the application for?:	Erection of gates and gate posts
Address of the site or building:	Brigsteer, 402, Birkby Road, Birkby, Huddersfield, HD2 2DN
Postcode:	

User comments

Type of comment: An objection
I wish to register an objection to Planning Application 2020/93467 for a gate and gateposts at 402 Birkby Road. These have both been in place since 31 January 2020 and not 1 July 2020 as stated in the application documentation. The gate is solid wood effect with ironwork on top. It is 2.25 metres high and 7 metres long. The gateposts are 2.5 metres high. It is a massive construction for a gateway to a residential property and replaces a wrought iron gate less than half the size. The house is the first on a privately owned unadopted lane that services 6 properties. Only one of the other 5 properties has a gate and that is of wrought iron. The plan describes the 'proposed street scene off private drive'. This misrepresents the fact that the gate fronts onto a privately owned, unadopted lane that leads to 6 properties, each with its own private driveway within the curtilage of each property and is not a private drive to the property in question. The unadopted lane is a highway for planning purposes and neither the gate nor the fence that has been constructed along the lane should exceed 1 metre in height without planning permission. The grounds for my objection are that the new gate is totally out of character with those of the other properties not only on the lane, but also along Birkby Road and the roads that branch off it. Because of its overbearing size and together with the massive fence, it totally overshadows the lane towards Birkby Road. It is therefore harmful to the visual amenity of the local area. It is doubtful that there is a gate to a residential property as big as this anywhere in the Birkby area or the surrounding districts. It has been constructed in the full knowledge that a gate of such a size would require planning permission and now that it has been applied for, it should be refused by the Council and the gate and gate posts removed.