

About the application

Application number: 2020/94405	
What is the application for?:	Erection of detached building for use as an indoor archery range
Address of the site or building:	Archery Field, Slate Pitts Wood, Knowle Lane, Meltham, Holmfirth, HD9 4HL
Postcode:	HD9 3BL

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Driving past the range at Knowle Lane on a summer evening, I've often been struck by what a peaceful pastime Archery seems to be, and how well the silent elegance of the bow fits into the rural setting. What is a shame, however is seeing the poor archers struggle in inclement weather. Plenty of summer evenings in the Pennines are cold and rainy, and the winter is a borderline impossibility to all but the hardiest of archers. It's clear to me that the facility of an indoor archery range is essential to support this grass-roots sport that does so much positive work for community integration, and particularly youth sports. It seems clear to me that an indoor range would serve to further improve the excellent outdoor range at Knowle Lane and would enable shooting to continue on darker evenings, throughout the winter, as well as those miserable summer nights! I often consider what alternatives there might be to outdoor shooting in the area, but all I can see is the need to travel out of area to other indoor ranges, which the provision of this facility would overcome elegantly. Personally, I would very much welcome the building of this indoor range, as I struggle to work up the motivation to head outdoors to shoot in the rain, cold, wind and snow. On those dark, lonely winter nights, I miss the companionship and company of my fellow archers, and to have purpose-built facilities close by that I could use indoors would be a great benefit to my physical and mental health.	