

About the application

Application number: 2021/91827	
What is the application for?:	Erection of single storey vehicle storage building
Address of the site or building:	Sands House, Greenhead Avenue, Dalton, Huddersfield, HD5 8EA
Postcode:	HD5 8EA

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
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We write to object to planning application 2021/91827. , with the rear of our property sharing the boundary with part of the site subject to the planning application. There are several grounds on which we object: - The preparatory works, namely the destruction of trees on the site begun, and continues before the application has been determined. - There are bats in the immediate area. Bats can be seen on an evening flying around our property, neighbouring property's, and across the site subject to the planning application. Given the extensive trees on the site, it's likely the bats are roosting here. Concerningly, the planning documents don't reference a bat survey nor any consideration of bats having taken place. The destruction of the trees has already begun. - There are already several garage buildings on the application site. Greenhead Avenue is otherwise a quiet residential street consisting of terraced and detached properties. To have further garage buildings erected (within the sightlines of the terrace), will negatively impact the nature of the area and visual amenity, and be overbearing in scale. - This development would lead to the loss of land that is currently green space in the form of grass and extensive trees. It's inappropriate given that the council has declared a climate emergency to permit further development of green space (as noted there is already extensive garaging on the site). Further, there has already been a significant loss of green space on the street in recent years (planning application: 2016/91975 (erection of three dwellings)). - Since destruction of trees for the proposed development has begun, there has been observed some rather upsetting scenes. There are a number of squirrels in the area, and neighbours have observed a squirrel holding its young in its mouth running away	

and neighbours have observed a squirrel holding its young in its mouth running away from a tree being cut down. Countless wildlife will be lost as a result of this development (and the works already taking place) – this is surely contradictory to the council's declaration of a climate emergency.

As noted, there has already been destruction of green space on the street (application: 2016/91975) though at least this was for the provision of housing. The approval of this development will only lead to a further lessening of the wildlife in the area. Foxes used to be seen in the road, now there are none. Squirrels and bats will be the next to disappear from the area, not to mention the many birds that use the trees for nesting (and the destruction of the trees is taking place at exactly the time birds are nesting!).

- I further note that taking into consideration the damage and detriment above, the proposed development does not offer a societal good, e.g. the provisions of affordable housing etc, rather it is for a garage, to accompany the many garages already present, to store vehicles.

On these grounds, we strongly object to planning application 2021/91827, and ask those officers considering the application to do the same.