About the application

Application number: 2023/90348	
What is the application for?:	Erection of community sports complex (within a Conservation Area)
Address of the site or building:	Former Hillhouse Bowling Club, King Cliff Road, Birkby, Huddersfield, HD2 2RR
Postcode:	

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	Yes

I am writing regarding the proposal of the building of a sports complex at the former Hillhouse Bowling Club

I am objecting to the development of the site in this way for a number of reasons:

Noise
Under previous use as a bowling club, it was to a small audience and for short periods of time. In comparison, the proposal will attract a significantly larger number of people, from within and outside of the locality, and for much lengthier periods of time, thus increasing noise to the area, which directly adjacent on all sides is a residential area

Traffic congestion
The area in and around the proposed developments already attracts a huge number of people, some on foot but a huge majority in vehicles. Traffic congestion, and associated noise, is already a major problem and, despite some traffic calming measures being put in place nearby on Blacker Road and Halifax Old Road, including speed bumps and a one way system, there continues to be huge problems with both congestion and associated noise within the area. There are a large amount of shops, two schools, three mosques, factories and recycling facilities in the area which already attract large numbers of people in vehicles around the area, and this already causes traffic gridlock on a daily basis

Parking
Parking is a huge problem, with already inadequate space for local residents, and gives rise DAILY to visitors to the area parking on double yellow lines, double parking, parking on pavements, parking on restricted areas and bends and seemingly giving little consideration for the impact this has on local residents, pedestrian safety and other road users. These problems will significantly increase with this development

Access
The proposal has close proximity to Jack Hill (an old cobbled road with trees) and Norman Park, which are landmarks of significance. They attract wildlife and are pleasant green areas to relax and enjoy (of which there are very few in Birkby). Such a development, with it’s associated noise, traffic and parking) will drastically reduce enjoyment of this space, and will most certainly deter wildlife

Residential area
This is a residential area and, given the amount of business in close proximity to the proposed development, it is imperative that it remains as such

I implore you to reject this proposal