

About the application

Application number: 2023/90444	
What is the application for?:	Erection of detached dwelling
Address of the site or building:	Land adj, Fern Bank, Far End Lane, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6NS
Postcode:	HD9 6RP

User comments

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The updated elements of the application are not clearly explained, but it looks like the applicants now propose that their parking spaces are moved further along the frontage, further away from Honley village, presumably in an attempt to deal with Highways concerns.

My objections are as follows:

Health and safety – risk of road traffic accidents - the adjusted location for the car parking spaces is in my view simply ‘moving the deckchairs’, and there remain substantive risks given the volume and speed of traffic travelling in both directions, and particularly from Honley village around the blind bend. Also, I note that drivers using the spaces would need to reverse out onto or into Far End Lane, leaving them as a sitting duck for traffic. As for the report undertaken by HDC Support Limited, please can you confirm who instructed and paid for this report – was it the applicant by any chance?! I am startled by their assessment of traffic volume and speeds which are based on a 2 hour sample at mid-morning times and which, as a local resident, do not seem to match with reality. People are also forgetting the increased volume of traffic generally locally being generated by the new Miller Homes development for example and more ‘rat running’ is inevitable.

Construction traffic – I am no clearer on where this will go, and where is the lay down area for materials, plant and equipment, including the cranes that will inevitably be needed for this steep, ambitious site.

Existing Use – the application continues to describe the site as ‘overgrown wasteland’. I and other local residents remain deeply saddened at the rich animal habitat that this once was, with mature trees and shrubs giving homes to owls, bats and other species, the former owner having chopped all the trees down just 3 or so years ago.

Outline Planning Permission - it has still not been explained why the footprint in this new application can differ so substantively from the Outline Planning Permission.

HVPC view - I am encouraged that the HVPC in its assessment, with its local knowledge, was minded to ‘Object’.