

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

Type of comment: An objection	
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Has the applicant submitted additional plans that are not available for public view online?

We ask this question because the development requires the approval of two new access points with Far End Lane but the plans make no attempt to demonstrate a safe use of the highway.

Planning history for the site shows that in 2019, Highways DM set out exacting requirements for a new access at the site and the officer recommended the applicant 'take heed' of the advice given when submitting full planning.

Furthermore, an access next to the driveway of no 39 was not acceptable to Highways and the 2019/91370 planning had to move the access centrally on the site before Highways support was given.

It is therefore surprising that the submitted plans for 2023/90444;

- Do not show any vehicular sightlines.
- Do not show any vehicle paths which demonstrate how vehicles return to the highway in a forward gear – the parked vehicle nearest the exit for example will need to make forward and reverse manoeuvres to use the exit and a U-turn to travel to the village centre.
- Appear to show alterations to the existing 2m boundary wall but this is not clear, and no details are given.
- Show two parking bays (with EV charging) positioned so they obstruct the view of oncoming traffic.

Travelling from Honley village centre, vehicles or cyclists will approach these two concealed accesses from a blind bend. There is also no footway or setback to provide a 'safety' buffer which means a vehicle exiting for example is immediately in the path of oncoming traffic.

The applicant's previous application, withdrawn almost 12 months ago, received considerable objection from neighbours who raised concerns about highways safety. It is therefore disappointing to see that this new application does nothing to address these concerns.

The proposed access scheme is unsafe and detrimental to highways safety.