

Address: 18 Elmfield Road Huddersfield HD22XH

About the application

Application number: 2023/90775	
What is the application for?:	Erection of single storey front and side extension and formation of vehicular ac
Address of the site or building:	50, Birkby Lodge Road, Birkby, Huddersfield, HD2 2BG
Postcode:	HD2 2BG

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	No
<p>I do not have an issue with the proposed building extension to No. 50, but I do have a serious objection to the proposed new vehicular access along the footpath located just to the east of the property.</p> <p>I believe that the footpath, which continues to run past the Birkby Community Wildlife Garden and onto Birkby Hall Road, is a designated public right of way and therefore needs to be protected. The footpath is a popular pedestrian short-cut between three "corners" of Birkby. For example, it is used frequently by schoolchildren (particularly to & from St Patricks School), by dog-walkers and by visitors to the increasingly popular Wildlife Garden. It should be noted that the section of the footpath that the applicant is proposing to use has stone walls on each side and is very narrow - too narrow to safely accommodate both vehicles and people. I feel strongly that such a conversion of a public footpath to an open access road would be very inconvenient and potentially dangerous, with a real risk of injury to children, pedestrians, or their pets.</p> <p>I also think that the conversion of the pathway is morally unacceptable. As far as I am aware the two properties adjacent to the proposed access road (Nos 50 & 52) are owned by the same person and they currently have combined gardens, both of which are generously sized. I feel that the applicant should arrange for access from Birkby Lodge Road within their own landholdings.</p>	