

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?	Yes
<p>I would like to object to both elements of the current planning application. Firstly the property to which the application applies i.e. one of two old cottages, has some significant historic character that contributes to the justification of the wider area's conservation status. I believe that the proposed extensions to the front and side of the property would adversely affect the historic character of the two cottages. Secondly, the proposed formation of a driveway would encroach on an existing public footpath which provides a much used pedestrian right of way between Macauley Rd and Birkby Lodge rd, as well as giving access to the Ponyfield estate and the immediately adjacent Birkby Community Wildlife garden. The path is regularly used by children and families to access St Patrick's junior school as well as by the general public and also by visitors to the immediately adjacent Birkby Community Wildlife Garden. Allowing vehicular access by way of the introduction of a driveway at the Birkby Lodge end of this footpath would constitute a major hazard to footpath users, particularly given the blind bend aspect of its connection with Birkby Lodge Rd. Further to this, I believe that the introduction of such vehicular access would seriously undermine the conservation aspect of this end of a long established Kirklees "ginnel" and pedestrian right of way.</p>	