

About the application

Application number: 2023/91212	
What is the application for?:	Erection of 16 dwellings with access from Laithe Avenue
Address of the site or building:	Land off, Bankfield Drive, Holmbridge, Holmfirth, HD9 2PH
Postcode:	

User comments

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<p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>I am writing to express my deep concerns regarding the proposed development of 16 houses within the green belt area in rural Holmbridge, Huddersfield. As a resident of the local community, I would like to draw your attention to several crucial issues that need to be addressed before any development takes place. These issues include the number of houses, the steep access road, the lack of winter gritting, uninterrupted water supply to properties with water rights, the preservation of the natural environment and improvements to the planned drainage due to the site being a natural sump.</p> <p>Firstly, the existing access road leading to the proposed development site is steep and access is via a school route, posing significant challenges for vehicular movement. Introducing additional traffic from such a large number of new houses would exacerbate the situation, leading to increased congestion, potential safety hazards, and inconvenience for the residents. It is crucial that measures are taken to address these concerns, ensuring safe and efficient access for emergency service vehicles, school children, local buses, and local residents.</p> <p>Secondly, the lack of appropriate winter gritting on the access road raises significant safety concerns. The steep nature of the road, combined with adverse weather conditions, makes it highly susceptible to becoming treacherous and impassable during winter months. Without proper gritting services in place, it would be hazardous for vehicles to navigate safely, increasing the risk of accidents and injuries. There would also not be enough parking in other local roads to accommodate the cars from the houses when the road is impassable. I urge the planning office to strongly consider the issues around access roads to the proposed development site.</p> <p>In addition, it is absolutely essential to address the matter of maintaining an</p>	

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where the development is planned. As this does not currently seem to have been considered within the plans by the developer at all. These properties (The Barn and Bankfield Farm on Dobb Top Road) rely on these water rights for their daily needs and any disruption or interference could have a significant impact on residents well-being. It is imperative that the planning office ensures a long-term solution is in place to protect and maintain the uninterrupted water supply, providing reassurance to the affected property owners

Furthermore, the proposed development site being a natural sump requires careful consideration of the drainage plan. Without appropriate improvements to the drainage system there is a risk of flooding, which could have detrimental effects on the surrounding area. It is vital that the planning office implements comprehensive drainage measures that effectively mitigate the risk of flooding, ensuring the long-term sustainability and resilience of the development.

Additionally, the potential strain on local amenities and infrastructure needs to be carefully considered. The existing facilities in Holmbridge such as schools, healthcare services, and public transportation, may not have the capacity to accommodate the increased demand resulting from the proposed development. This could lead to overcrowding, a decline in the quality of services, and an overall reduction in the residents' quality of life

The proposed development of the green belt area also raises concerns about the preservation of the natural environment and the impact on local wildlife. The proposal of 16 houses is ridiculous, one is too many for the site and should be reconsidered as part of this consultation, especially considering the location in context to existing properties. Holmbridge boasts a unique and cherished rural landscape that serves as a valuable habitat for various species. Developing this green belt area could irreversibly damage the delicate balance of the ecosystem, resulting in the loss of biodiversity and the degradation of natural resources.

Given the aforementioned concerns, I kindly request that the planning office thoroughly assesses and addresses these issues before granting approval for the proposed development

of 16 houses in the green belt area of rural Holmbridge. I believe it is essential to prioritise the long-term well-being and sustainability of our community. By carefully considering the concerns raised and exploring alternative solutions, we can ensure that any future development aligns with the best interests of the residents and preserves the unique character of Holmbridge.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will carefully consider the concerns raised and make the decision to reject the application. I would greatly appreciate receiving updates on any developments or decisions made regarding this issue.