About the application

Application number: 2024/91484	
What is the application for?:	Erection of poultry shed
Address of the site or building:	Bolster Moor Farm, Harden Road, Bolster Moor, Huddersfield, HD7 4JU
Postcode:	HD7 4JU

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Haigh, Proposed Poultry Building
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As highlighted in other submissions, the number of inaccuracies is concerning. Our concerns with the proposal are as follows:
Assessment of Flood Risk:
- The proposal is within 20 metres of a watercourse, although stated as 'No'
- It states the surface water will be disposed of using a the 'Sustainable drainage system'. How has this been proven / evidenced to demonstrate this?
Biodiversity net gain:
- It seems the value calculated on 22/05/24, the application submitted 24/05/24. There are no details to explain why earlier date used. Also, should there be a version?
Foul Sewage disposal:
- Sawdust producing FYM being spread. What frequency would the sawdust be spread? Is there a directive for this? Otherwise, this method could prove ineffective if not carried out on regular basis, e.g. if only conducted once a year as opposed to weekly or monthly.
Industrial or Commercial Processes and Machinery
- No industrial or commercial activities. 1500 barn laying chickens, each have the potential of laying between 250 to 300 eggs a year producing a total of 45,000 a year. How will they be used if not for commercial purposes? This volume of eggs being produced without an apparent outlet is concerning. It would be a considerable amount eggs to dispose of.
Site Visit:
- The site is clearly visible from a public road, namely Drummer Lane leading to Westwood Edge Road. If the application is approved, once the structure is in place and visible, would it be taken down?
Miscellaneous:
- What is the scope / definition of 'Poultry Building'. Is this purely chicken or can it be extended to turkeys and / or other poultry in the future? This could well lead to further issues in the future
- There are serious and well documented health risks associated with living near to a poultry farm. A simple Google of "health issues associated with poultry farming" shows the health issues suffered by poultry workers and local residents alike. Diseases such as salmonella & avian influenza. Also, the potential health issues from dust and other airborne particles and the smell and noise generated. Chicken waste is toxic with chemicals such as ammonia. Previously a chicken farm was located at the crossroads of Pinfold Lane and Slaithwaite Gate. At the height of summer, the smell of ammonia was unbearable after a matter of minutes.
- Recommendations state to live at least half a mile away to minimise exposure to dust and odour. People with respiratory issues recommended 1 to 2 miles.
- It would be fair to assume the approval of this application and subsequent erection of the poultry building would have a significant adverse effect on house prices located immediately adjacent and nearby.