

About the application

Application number: 2024/91909	
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 9AU

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
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This will be the fourth time I have raised an objection to the proposals for this site. Many of the points I make now are substantively the same, where all the applicants have done each time is moved deckchairs / aspects of the footprint of the dwelling, but the H&S, traffic and construction points remain.

The updated elements of the application are not clearly explained, and should be. It is unclear why the HVPC has now shifted its position from 'Object' last time to 'Support' this time.

My objections are as follows:

Health and safety – risk of road traffic accidents - the adjusted location for the car parking spaces is in my view simply 'moving the deckchairs', and there remain substantive risks given the volume and speed of traffic travelling in both directions, and particularly from Honley village around the blind bend. Also, I note that drivers using the spaces would still need to reverse out onto or into Far End Lane, leaving them as a sitting duck for traffic. As a reminder, as a very local resident, I can vouch for the excessive speeds of traffic along this road by many drivers, and also the significant cycle and pedestrian use. People are also forgetting the increased volume of traffic generally locally being generated by the new Miller Homes development for example and more 'rat running' is inevitable.

Construction traffic – I am no clearer on where this will go, and where is the lay down area for plant and equipment, including the cranes that will inevitably be needed for this steep, ambitious site. Parking and hovering vans and lorries will need to hover, compounding the traffic risks. A reminder that Field End Lane is private and also busily used by residents, and the Developer must not presume that he and his contractors will be able to use it.

Structural risks for Far End Lane - I am very concerned by the recent email comments from the Highways Officer relating to surveying the structure of the walls and burr on Far End Lane. Which walls does he mean? I am concerned about the effect of heavy plant, cranes, diggers, piledrivers, etc on the retaining walls for No 1, 3 and 5 Ryecroft, opposite the development.

Existing Use – historically the applications described the site as 'overgrown wasteland'. I and other local residents remain deeply saddened at the rich animal habitat that this once was, with mature trees and shrubs giving homes to owls, bats and other species, the former owner having chopped all the trees down just 3 or 4 years ago.

Outline Planning Permission - it has still not been explained why the footprint in this new application can differ so substantively from the Outline Planning Permission and be permitted. Please explain.

HVPC view - I am alarmed that the HVPC in its assessment, with its local knowledge, has changed its assessment from 'Object' to 'Support', and this needs to be explained.