

## About the application

Application number: 2024/92626	
What is the application for?:	Removal of equine buildings/structures and erection of detached dwelling
Address of the site or building:	land off, Far Lane, Hepworth, Holmfirth, HD9
Postcode:	

## User comments

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<p>I am writing this in support of the planning application No 2024/62/92626 change of use from equine buildings to a single storey dwelling.</p> <p>I met Mrs Hodgson when she called at my home to ask advice for her planning application.</p> <p>She came to me after she found out I had successfully built a large stone property on green belt land which was formally a stables and equine yard.</p> <p>Unfortunately I was not much help as I purchased my site after planning had been achieved.</p> <p>We did have a long discussion about her hopes of building an eco friendly home on her own family stables site. I did give her some advice on some above- specification insulation that I had used which would help to super insulate her home if successful with her application. She seemed very keen to incorporate this if successful.</p> <p>I have been following this application with interest having myself built on a similar site. After reading the comments listed on the Kirklees planning site, I decided to go and take a look myself.</p> <p>I initially had trouble finding the site as it is completely obscured from view from roads in the area.</p> <p>When finding the site I realised it was also obscured from view from almost every property in the village. Very few will be able to see this site, and it will only be clearly seen from the surrounding hillsides, and importantly will remain so if this project is approved.</p> <p>I understand from Mrs Hodgson that this application is quite a talking point in the village, however many people did not know this site even existed despite living in this small village for many years. I suspect it will remain the same even after construction if allowed.</p> <p>I accessed the site along the long established right of way and found the drive was very accessible. I have been made aware that post and wire fencing was until recently in situ however this was removed once the field owner knew about the planning</p>	

in situ however this was removed once the field owner knew about the planning application and I do wonder why?

Sometimes sheep are placed in the field but on my visit, none were evident. A sign has also been placed on the field gate stating farm livestock. Why?

It could even be said that he may be trying to obstruct the due process which needs to take place in every planning application and I hope this is noted by the planning department.

I have seen from the planning website that the parish council have objected to this application. It was the same with my application (on the grounds of green belt) in my case this was overruled by the planning department.

I cannot count the number of local people who have stopped when passing and commended me for the improvement I've made to the local community by turning the stables into a dwelling and I'm sure everyone would say the same about this development if passed ( those that could actually see it anyway) .

I'm aware that both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ have made comments online and social media which are undue and could be seen as not being open minded and clearly aren't avoiding bias or predetermination. With every application there should be transparency, respect, and fairness. Undue influence or intimidation is questionable here, in my opinion. These adults have been canvassing in the village trying to get people to object to this application, yet many of the comments on here are very supportive of this application being approved.

I was very surprised to find out that one of the \_\_\_\_\_ have themselves benefited from turning stables into a dwelling, and yet are objecting to this application? ( double standards comes to mind) Whatever the differences, and I appreciate every application is different, the main principle remains the same, turning long standing stables into a dwelling.

Having seen the site in its current state it's been constructed with little thought to aesthetics and is a bit of a ramshackle site and a blight on the green belt. In my view the construction proposed would be a vast improvement on the existing site and very much in keeping with surroundings and the site's history.

It would also have minimal impact on green belt if at all. Anyone who could see it, and there would be few, would have difficulty in arguing that this development would not be an improvement on the green belt.

As stated earlier I successfully built a stone property on green belt, ( previously stables ). I am aware of two other similar sites local to me which have been approved and built. I suspect there will be others. It would seem to me that a strong precedent has already been set here and that this proposed development should be allowed to proceed.

The views I have expressed are my honest opinion and will differ from others and it is

only right that the views and opinions of everyone are taken into account and dealt with in due process.

I strongly support this application and I would hope that planning approve this development.

I wish do not wish my name address or e-mail address to be published in line with GDPR.