



To Kirklees Council Planning Department,

We are writing to formally object to the proposed development to the rear of, 121, Hightown Road, Liversedge, WF15 8DG which involves building on greenbelt land. This proposal raises concerns regarding the impact on the natural environment, local community, and existing properties. Here are our objections, based on valid planning considerations.

#### Conservation of our Natural Environment

The proposed development threatens to destroy mature trees, forested areas, and critical habitats for wildlife. This land, including recently developed walking paths and Jo Cox Park, is a vital green space heavily utilised by the local community. The area supports diverse wildlife, including pheasants, foxes, and nesting owls. Any loss of these habitats would severely disrupt the ecosystem, contrary to government guidance and legislation aimed at preserving natural environments. The greenbelt designation of this land is intended to safeguard its environmental and ecological value, which this development could irreversibly harm.

#### Impact of our Area

The development will lead to overlooking and a loss of privacy for neighbouring properties. Our current seclusion provided by the greenbelt and forested areas will be lost, detrimentally impacting ours and neighbouring residents' quality of life.

Building on this greenbelt land would fundamentally undermine its appeal and contradict the purpose of greenbelt protections.

The development will significantly alter the landscape, replacing scenic greenbelt areas with buildings. This would destroy the natural views currently enjoyed by local residents, diminishing the quality of life and eroding the rural character of the area.

#### Access and Safety

The proposed access routes are unsuitable for increased traffic. They are narrow, poorly maintained, and incapable of supporting heavy machinery or construction vehicles. The increased traffic during and after construction poses significant risks to pedestrians, cyclists, and existing residents, compromising highway safety.

Construction activity will bring noise, dust, and disturbance, negatively affecting nearby residents. The development would also disrupt local walking routes, essential for the community's well-being. Once completed, increased noise, traffic, and activity will further erode the peace and privacy currently enjoyed by residents.

#### Objection conclusion

We fear this application would allow further applications on a larger scale to be made on other green belt land which in the past have also been refused by planning. This proposal is not in the public interest and does not respect the environmental, social, and values of the area. It violates planning policies to preserve greenbelt land, protect natural habitats, and maintain the character and quality of life for local communities.

We too strongly urge the planning authority to reject this application and preserve this valuable greenbelt area for future generations.

Thank you for considering this objection.