

## About the application

Application number: 2024/93325	
What is the application for?:	Demolition of existing stables and outbuildings and erection of detached dwellin
Address of the site or building:	rear of, 121, Hightown Road, Liversedge, WF15 8DG
Postcode:	WF15 8DG

## User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	Yes
<p>Relating to the proposed new dwelling, while the description is titled 'land to the rear of 121 Hightown Road' the principal concern is that access to and from this land can only be via the bridleway known as 'Quaker Lane'.</p> <p>This is an extremely popular route, and serves as a major link to the Spen Valley Greenway, and as such it has become a very popular walking, horse riding, running and cycle route. However, the access track to this development uses or crosses over 2 other busy public footpaths. The recent creation of the Jo Cox Wood has understandably increased the number of families/walkers/cyclists, for both recreational and educational reasons, attracting picnickers, nature lovers and groups of school children using Quaker Lane to access the Wood and park.</p> <p>The initial length of Quaker Lane from Hightown Road is made up of patches of thin tarmac over a shallow depth of crushed stone - as is evident by the many potholes and breakages which the local residents are constantly repairing. In short, there is already too much traffic on this stretch, vastly increased by visitors to the Liversedge Football Club site.</p> <p>However, after the entrance to 87 Quaker Lane (being the last dwelling down the lane), there is not even any road covering over the natural soil. Especially during the winter months, this next stretch of bridleway leading to the proposed site becomes a very muddy and often flooded path - which is what one expects on a public footpath through greenbelt countryside.</p> <p>Importantly, it must be noted that the whole length of Quaker Lane is very narrow - clearly single track - with no pavement, and has previously led to traffic problems and also concerns with regard to emergency services access.</p> <p>Awkward situations between vehicles, walkers, cyclists, are common, and particularly with the high percentage of young children and elderly locals using the lane, the thought of another dwelling with associated cars, is very worrying - especially as the dwelling is much further around the various bends at the lower end of the lane.</p>	