

About the application

Application number: 2025/90102	
What is the application for?:	Erection of equine structures
Address of the site or building:	Land Adjacent, 80, Long Lane, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6EB
Postcode:	

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
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Green Belt land around urban areas is intended to provide open space, protect and preserve the countryside, and prevent urban sprawl. The stables, adjoining stores, car park and fencing are affecting the openness of the Green Belt land thus compromising visual amenity.

The structure has been in place since 2023 and has not moved. In fact, it has been increased in size since then where a storage extension was added and vehicles/large trailer have been parked outside the structure on the Green Belt land. Fencing has also been erected without planning permission and impacting on the visual amenity of the land.

This land is classified as agricultural and for grazing livestock only. Horses for recreational purposes are not considered agricultural animals so changing how this land is utilised is considered 'change of use' as in this case.

The applicant has clearly stated that the horses for recreational purposes are fed supplementary feed (not just grazing) which is at odds with planning law. If the horses are given supplemental feed and provided shelter then the predominant use of the land is not regarded as agricultural. According to the planning application, hard feed is kept in the stables eg the mention of carrotsacks and hay ie supplementary feeding so the land is not being used for grazing only.

The fencing, vehicle parking and structures do have a negative visual impact and are harmful to the Green Belt land. A car park has also been constructed with hard standing material next to the stables and enclosed by wood fencing. The parking of vehicles on the site has a detrimental impact on the openness of the area and also as there is no splayed entrance to the site, this will compromise the safety of road users as the road is narrow at this point.

I disagree with the applicant, this is an inappropriate development. The stables with adjoining storage areas, car park, trailer and fencing are positioned in such a way that they are a prominent feature in fact an eyesore. This development is compromising the openness of the countryside and has a detrimental impact on the Green Belt land therefore should not be approved.