

Address: Fulstone 12-14 White Ley Bank Holmfirth HD9 7DL

About the application

Application number: 2025/90278	
What is the application for?:	Erection of stable block (within a Conservation Area)
Address of the site or building:	Westroyd Farm, Fulstone, White Ley Bank, New Mill, Holmfirth, HD9 7DL
Postcode:	HD9 7DL

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Objection to Application 2025/90278

Once again here we are having to defend the conserved hamlet of Fulstone against a development (which is disproportionate and incongruous to its surrounding historic buildings) upon the green belt which surrounds it. We should be able to rely on the elected members of the council to take this task upon themselves on our behalf and comply with the guidelines which appertain to such development.

Firstly, as there is an ongoing dispute with regards to this land on which the application 2025/90278 applies a dismissal would be advisable before any other application be considered.

We (I and others) are currently corresponding with your colleague Mr. Lee Stoney in connection with the pending "Enforcement Notice" currently with your Legal Team. This dispute relates to previous Application 2016/62/93923/W and Appeal Application APP/Z4718/W/17/3172996 both being refused. A request for the removal of Storage Unit, Hard Standing, Garden Extension and new Electric Gate on this agricultural land has not transpired. Documented emails from both parties (we as a group and Mr. Stoney) can be submitted in support of this fact.

In 2017 the secretary of state very plainly defined this land as 'agricultural', and it is our concern that if its status is reclassified as 'recreational' then that is only one step away from 'domestic garden' at which point it could have houses built upon it. There are no "very special circumstances" why any reclassification should be allowed which would then lead onto a defeat of the openness of the green belt enjoyed by many and of paramount importance. Paragraph 154b of the NPPF clearly states that any proposed development does not conflict with the preservation and purpose of the green belt and its openness.

The proposed building is enormous, not looking like anything else in the area other than industrial units. It will totally block the views from the country lane of the surrounding countryside appreciated by many, not just residents of the hamlet. Because of recent remodelling of the land levels (by dumping) during the stripping out of the listed farmhouse adjacent, this exceptionally large and tall building will stand out sentinel over the vale of Fulstone and be visible for many miles in its incongruity. A similar stable and equine application (2022/62/90175/E) in Stocksmoor road was refused on grounds of "highway safety and efficiency" contrary to policy LP21 of KLP, though the visibility at this site was far better than at this current applications entrance on the bend of White ley bank.

We implore upon the planning committee to refuse this application.