

About the application

Application number: 2025/90753	
What is the application for?:	Removal of stone pillars (within a Conservation Area)
Address of the site or building:	50, Birkby Lodge Road, Birkby, Huddersfield, HD2 2BG
Postcode:	HD2 2BG

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
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1. The original stone pillars which are the subject of this application are over one metre high and, despite normal wear and tear of ageing, are a characterful residual, historic part of the former estate of the nearby grade 2 listed building, Birkby Grange and unquestionably, an important part of Kirklees' heritage 2. The pillars contribute an important feature to this conservation area and it is clearly not a necessity, in terms of facilitating motor vehicle access to the property, that they should be removed or replaced. 3. The several previous planning applications for this property have been contentious within the local community and many people including myself have been concerned that aspects of the external appearance of the property's perimeter may not actually be compliant with or sensitive to the up-keep of key features of the planning requirement and/or conservation status of the area (e.g. the nature of the construction of the perimeter walls, encroachment on the Council owned land of Birkby Community Wildlife Garden, the presence of additional lighting in an area known to be populated by bats. 4. The last previous application at this property led to consent being given to allow the applicant's motor vehicles to use part of the PROW in order for the property owner to access a newly created parking area within the property. This consent was highly contentious, being regarded by many in the local community as creating a potential danger to pedestrians and the local Local Authority were accused by myself on behalf of Birkby Community Wildlife Garden as not having done due diligence in this regard. 5. In the context of all of the above concerns, I would ask that this application should not be consented to and indeed that it should be brought before the planning committee.	