

Address: Stubley Farm Stubley Farm Road Heckmondwike WF16 9DD

### About the application

Application number: 2025/91531	
What is the application for?:	Demolition of existing semi-detached houses and associated buildings, and constr
Address of the site or building:	land off, Leeds Road, Heckmondwike, WF16 9DB
Postcode:	WF4 5RA

### User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	No
<p>Stubley Farm Road and the surrounding area are home to a wide variety of wildlife, including bats, owls, hedgehogs, and many species of birds. Bats in particular are a protected species under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017, meaning it is illegal to damage or disturb their roosts.</p> <p>The proposed development would cause major disruption to these species through:</p> <p>Noise and vibration from construction machinery</p> <p>Dust and light pollution during both the building phase and afterwards from street lighting and housing</p> <p>Habitat loss and fragmentation as green space is removed and replaced with housing and roads</p> <p>The land directly adjacent to the proposed site is actively used for grazing by sheep, cows, and horses. The noise, machinery, disruption, and dust caused during the construction process will cause significant distress to these animals. Longer term, the additional pollution and traffic created by 51 new dwellings will create ongoing risks to their health and wellbeing, particularly for horses kept in nearby fields.</p> <p>This is not just an environmental issue, but also an animal welfare concern that should not be overlooked.</p>	