

Address: 7, Highmoor Lane, Cleckheaton, BD19 6LW

### About the application

Application number: 2025/91542	
What is the application for?:	Erection of 40 dwellings and associated works, including formation of new vehicu
Address of the site or building:	Land at, Highmoor Lane, Hartshead Moor, Cleckheaton, BD19 6LW
Postcode:	

### User comments

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<p>Subject: Objection to Planning Application 2025/91542 – Land at Highmoor Lane, Hartshead Moor, Cleckheaton, BD19 6LW</p> <p>I am writing to make a further objection to planning application 2025/91542 concerning the proposed development at Highmoor Lane, Hartshead Moor, Cleckheaton, BD19 6LW, including the recent submissions made by the applicant in October 2025. Despite these revisions, the proposal remains fundamentally flawed and fails to address the core issues raised previously.</p> <p>My objections are as follows:</p> <p>1. Unjustifiable Loss of Protected Trees</p> <p>The revised plans still propose the removal of 85 trees, many of which are protected by Tree Preservation Orders. This is in direct conflict with Kirklees Local Plan policies and basic environmental common sense. These trees form a vital visual and environmental buffer between the M62 motorway and local homes, reducing noise, air pollution, and visual intrusion.</p> <p>The insistence on creating a new access point on Highmoor Lane is unnecessary and destructive. The site already has a suitable access via Halifax Road, historically used by a school. This existing access could easily accommodate the proposed housing traffic, which would be significantly less than the former school traffic. There is no credible justification for sacrificing irreplaceable trees and damaging residential amenity when a practical alternative exists.</p> <p>Notably, the trees along Highmoor Lane (T1–T10) are classified as “Retention Most Desirable” or “Retention Desirable”, yet the proposal seeks to remove all but one. This would strip the area of its natural screening and degrade the local environment.</p> <p>Retaining these trees and using the Halifax Road access would dramatically reduce</p>	

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## 2. Environmental and Health Concerns

The site is already flagged in the Local Plan for odour and noise constraints due to its proximity to the M62. Removing the tree barrier exacerbates these issues, undermining both visual and environmental protections. This is not just poor planning—it is a direct affront to common sense and community wellbeing.

## 3. Failure to Address Sports England's Objections

For the second time, the applicant has failed to adequately respond to Sports England's concerns. Their reliance on trees (some of which they plan to remove) as mitigation for ball-strike risk is illogical and misleading. Furthermore, they have not provided a robust maintenance and management plan, leaving significant safety and compliance gaps.

## 4. A Simple, Sensible Solution

The solution is clear: retain the trees, and use the existing Halifax Road access and if necessary redesign or reduce the number of houses. This approach resolves the environmental, amenity, and safety concerns without compromising development viability. It is not complicated—it is good planning! Profit-driven motives should never override the obligation to deliver quality developments that safeguard both current and future residents from unnecessary visual, noise, and environmental harm.