

About the application

Application number: 2025/91574	
What is the application for?:	Erection of detached dwelling
Address of the site or building:	Land adj, Fern Bank, Far End Lane, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6NS
Postcode:	DN6 7EH

User comments

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This will be the fourth or fifth time I have raised an objection to the proposals for this site. Many of the points I make now are substantively the same.

My objections are as follows:

Health and safety – risk of road traffic accidents - the new application contains a feature for car parking that has the same weaknesses as previous applications (or indeed any application!). There are substantive H&S / road traffic risks given the volume and speed of traffic travelling in both directions, and particularly from Honley village around the blind bend. Also, I note that drivers using the spaces would need to reverse out onto or into Far End Lane, leaving them as a sitting duck for traffic. As locals will be able to tell you, many drivers (including vans) speed through this part of Far End Lane, which is something of a rat run to access Honley village easily. People are also forgetting the increased volume of traffic generally locally being generated by the new Miller Homes development for example and more 'rat running' is inevitable. This risk will be more prevalent during the construction period when I expect the Lane to be full of construction traffic, vans and wagons etc, left on the roadside.

Construction traffic – where this will go? Where is the lay down area for plant and equipment, including the cranes that will inevitably be needed for this steep, ambitious site. Field End Lane is privately owned and will not be available for use by the developer and his contractors.

Existing Use – the application, as per previous applications, describes the site as 'overgrown wasteland'. It is not, it is a garden. I and other local residents remain deeply saddened at the rich animal habitat that this once was, with mature trees and shrubs giving homes to owls, bats and other species, the former owner having chopped all the trees down just 4 or so years ago.

Risk to other properties - we are concerned about the risks of vibration and other impacts from the construction works and traffic on the tall retaining walls of No1 Ryecroft opposite the site.

Other views view - I am encouraged that Highways team are not minded to approve this application and have concerns about construction traffic and traffic flows generally, as do I. HVPC say they have eco concerns, but I cannot believe they have properly considered this application as they objected to previous similar applications on various grounds following the above points.