

Address: Heaton Lodge The Orangery Bog Green Lane Huddersfield HD5 0RF

About the application

Application number: 2025/91638	
What is the application for?:	Outline application for erection of residential development (5 dwellings)
Address of the site or building:	The Mansion House, Heaton Lodge, Bog Green Lane, Colne Bridge, Huddersfield, HD5 0RF
Postcode:	HD5 0RF

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
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I am writing as a resident of the area to formally raise concerns to the above planning application proposing the construction of five new houses on the land of Mansion House, Heaton Lodge.

Our estate is a small, private enclave of characterful, older properties surrounded by open fields. This area has a distinctive and historic character that contributes significantly to the rural feel of our community. Introducing a cluster of new-build homes here would fundamentally alter the established character of the area, eroding its unique setting and sense of place.

In addition, there are serious concerns about the practical impact this development would have on our community:

* **Traffic and Safety:** Our estate roads are narrow and were not designed to handle increased vehicle volume. An additional five households would likely result in 10–15 more vehicles, increasing congestion and raising risks to pedestrians, children, and pets. Access points are already constrained and visibility is limited, which could further compromise road safety.

* **Infrastructure Strain and Disruption:** Network Rail are currently undertaking major works on the nearby line, which has already caused sustained noise, dust, vibration, and traffic disruption. Adding construction activity for five new houses would compound this disruption, potentially over several years, and place additional strain on local infrastructure during and after construction.

* **Environmental and Landscape Impact:** Building on this land risks encroaching further into the surrounding fields, reducing local biodiversity and green space that currently form part of the character and amenity of the area.

While appreciating the need for new housing more broadly, I'm not convinced this location is a suitable or sustainable site for development. The cumulative impacts of additional traffic, safety risks, construction disruption, and loss of the area's unique character would outweigh any potential benefits.