About the application

Application number: 2025/92440	
What is the application for?:	Erection of five dwellings
Address of the site or building:	Lumb Lane Nurseries, Lumb Lane, Almondbury, Huddersfield, HD4 6SZ
Postcode:	HD4 6SZ

User comments

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Although Lumb Lane nurseries has not been open land for over 50 years, until recently it was a successful horticultural business on former agricultural land. I would dispute the claim that the site is ‘ clearly urban in character’- it has nothing to do with a town but more with market gardening.The fields surrounding the former nursery are currently being used for agricultural purposes, grazing cattle, sheep and horses and grass has been cut for silage.There are still two working farms on Lumb Lane and Sharp Lane and until 2024 strict planning controls have been applied to local residents wishing to modify property in the area.
The nursery is certainly not in a built-up area but there is a small cluster of historic properties in the immediate area. Fletcher House Farm dates from the 17th century and Clay Hall,Bottoms’ Farm and Yewcroft from the 19th century as do the neighbouring weavers’ cottages.
Rather than apply for planning permission for five houses a more imaginative route might have been to design two properties to the rear of the site in the style of agricultural barns.Such a proposal would have been more interesting than the proposed executive, estate style houses springing up all over the country.
The Woodsome and Farnley Valleys, including Lumb Lane and Mollicar and Mellor Wood, behind the nurseries,afford green spaces and a welcome rural environment for the residents of Almondbury who walk, ride and cycle there.Lumb Lane is the route to Castle Hill, a historic monument dating back to the Bronze Age.
This planning application is wholly inappropriate for the rural nature of the immediate area and should be opposed.Highways should be aware that Lumb Lane is unsuitable for additional traffic.