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

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The scheme being put forward is, in effect, the creation of a small housing estate in a rural valley where such a development is entirely out of place. Despite claims that it sits within Almondbury Village, the reality is that this location is well outside the village setting and lies in open countryside.

Importantly, the land falls within the Green Belt. It was previously used as a plant nursery, not as a retail business or commercial site, and transforming it into residential housing would involve an inappropriate change of use that conflicts with planning policy.

Access to the site is also highly problematic. Lumb Lane is extremely narrow, particularly by the adjacent cottages, where residents already suffer frequent damage to their cars from passing traffic. In one instance, a vehicle was completely written off.

Perhaps most worrying is the wider implication. If this scheme is permitted, it sets a precedent that will encourage further speculative applications throughout the valley. Plots of land have already been purchased in anticipation, and once one development is approved, it becomes far harder to resist the next.

This valley is a treasured landscape, appreciated by those who live here as well as by visitors from further afield. It is a setting of natural charm and should be safeguarded for future generations rather than incrementally lost to unnatural developments.