About the application

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

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
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We have already seen a withdrawal followed by a rejection of a proposed build for one dwelling on this Green Belt site. Now we have another proposal for the erection of five dwellings, swiftly changed to the erection of four dwellings under the same application number! I resubmit my original objections as they still stand in the face of a process I do not fully understand which seems to allow renaming (from 5 dwellings to 4) and resubmission of totally new ground plans and block layouts under the original application number. Yes, a reduction in the number of dwelling is proposed and some improvements to the building materials are suggested but over all this remains an inappropriate build on a narrow lane in a Green Belt area. Finally, this is not erection of affordable housing but exploitation of a perceived loop hole in Green Belt planning regulations. Woodsome valley is rural and an area of outstanding natural beauty not an extension of Almondbury village as claimed in the supporting documents. I urge you again to reject this application.

Original objections: I wish to object to the proposal to build modem executive style houses amongst the Grade ll listed buildings and cottages on historic and beautiful Lumb Lane which holds some of the oldest dwellings in the area as well as leading up to an ancient monument at Castle Hill.

This proposal would harm the rural and scenic character of the area, which attracts many visitors and is popular with cyclists, walkers and equestrians.

Lumb lane is narrow and confined at the proposed building site by existing houses and private grazing fields making the construction of the proposed five house estate impractical and environmentally undesirable.

Grade ll listed weavers cottages are adjacent to the proposed building site and the plans presented are both congested and completely out of character with the listed cottages to one side and Victorian gothic architecture on the other as well as Grade ll listed Yorkshire longhouse at Bottoms Farm to the north and impressive Yew Croft immediately across the Lane.

In addition to these concerns, the proposal seeks to build in a designated green belt area, using the subterfuge of attempting to describe the old unused greenhouses as grey belt status, ignoring that these and the old greenhouse office were never intended as permanent structures and that this agricultural development always had very limited road traffic and parking because of the congested site, with at most once a week deliveries during the 20+ years I have lived on the Lane.

Finally, there are protected trees immediately behind the proposed building site which also boarders a stream which supports rural wildlife including foxes and deer.

I fail to understand how this proposal can be described as ecological sensitive or environmentally sound as there is no infrastructure nearby (nearest Coop shop is 25 min walk up a moderate hill) and a very limited bus route on Sharp Lane, thus forcing more cars onto a very narrow lane to the detriment of the many walker and riders who already use the roadway.

I urge you to reject this proposal and preserve the historic and rural nature of Lumb Lane.