Address: 24 Sharp Lane Huddersfield HD4 6SW

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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I strongly object to the proposed development of this site within this area of Green Belt.

It would appear that proposals mis-represent the site and its previous use as a 'commercial nursery' 'with a shop' and '9 parking spaces'- this is certainly far from accurate.
Historically, the site has never been developed; it was allotments during the war years, and then converted into use as a small scale nursery, growing plants for wholesale purposes only. The owner of the nursery did not sell plants directly to the public. Vehicular use was limited to a small box type van and the owners car. The nursery site operated Monday to Friday during daylight hours only, furthermore, the site has never contained (or needed) '9 parking spaces' due to its purely wholesale function. All the buildings on site are of a temporary nature ie Poly tunnels with bases that are not poured concrete.
The site is 'green belt' not 'grey belt' - the latter status cannot be applied as it contains temporary structures only, has not been previously developed, and the proposals do not comply with current Golden Rules; the site is not in a sustainable location, it is not on the edge of a settlement and the proposals for 'Executive' (!) residences clearly do not fulfil an unmet need for 'affordable' housing.
The proposals amount to a clear overdevelopment of the site, with dwellings that are completely out of character for the area.
The entire Woodsome Valley, incorporating Lumb Lane, is an area of special historic character, having several listed buildings (Grade 2) and Fletcher House Farm (currently awaiting upgrade to Grade 2* listing) along the lane. It is a charming, rural, quiet, area with buildings uniform in their use of stone and slate. Lumb Lane is a country lane, narrow and mostly unlit, it has no pavement on either side apart from one short section and is regularly used by pedestrians, cyclists, horse and riders.
The proposed site sits close to a recently designated wildlife corridor, is home to bats and numerous other rare species. The scheme would effectively 'close off' the natural environment, removing space between the characterful clusters of buildings. Autumn 2025 will see the start of the White Rose tree planting scheme which aims to reinforce woodland habitats in the valley; it is very obvious that developments of this site would

woodland habitats in the valley; it is very obvious that developments of this site would be contrary to this scheme.
The inevitable increase in paved/tarmac surfaces that this development would bring should carefully scrutinised in line with drives to reduce the impact of climate change.
The proposed development would significantly increase vehicular traffic on the lane and increase noise and light pollution in the area. The site is situated on one of the narrowest parts of Lumb Lane making exiting/entering the development particularly hazardous, especially for non-vehicular users; this is a popular area for walkers, some with young children in pushchairs, along with cyclists and horse riders from the two local liveries, both of which are on Lumb Lane. The proposals are contradictory in where/how the access from/to the development is to be sited, will the current wall height be reduced and how it is to be finished: 'concrete' ??
It is rather unclear how many parking spaces the development will offer each dwelling, but i estimate that it will significantly exceed the current total number of vehicles parked on/off road on the section of Lumb Lane under consultation.

I strongly object to the size and scale of this development on Green Belt land and ask that planning permission is not granted.