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

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I am astounded that Kirklees have allowed these changes to be made under the original application when it is clearly a significant amendment to the original scheme. The documents provided are contradictory and give insufficient information to allow the planning officer to make an informed decision. There are no parking arrangements shown for the revised scheme so it is difficult to see how Highways can comment without further information.

As many other residents have observed, Lumb Lane is a narrow country lane and it is not wide enough to accommodate on-street parking adjacent to the site. It is naive to suggest that one visitor space is sufficient for 4 houses and cars will undoubtedly end up being left on the road, potentially causing an obstruction to the agricultural vehicles which use the lane and making it dangerous for the many pedestrians and cyclists who use it.

The nearest bus stop is a 0.8 mile uphill walk. It is difficult to see how this constitutes sustainable development.

The proposed development will have a negative impact on the openness of the greenbelt and the setting of the adjacent Grade II Listed cottages. It also needs to be considered in terms of the wider setting of Castle Hill, a scheduled ancient monument.

Paragraph 19.8 of the Kirklees Local Plan states that "It is important that development which is appropriate, or where very special circumstances exist, is not harmful to the visual amenity of the Green Belt and proposals should have regard to all other relevant polices in the plan. These include the use of high quality materials, a design that is sensitive to its Green Belt setting, consideration of the amenity of neighbours and in all cases that any impact on openness is kept to a minimum."
The proposed dwellings do not meet these requirements.

I would urge the planning officer and Kirklees to consider the precedent that would be set by allowing a development which is so clearly unsustainable and unsympathetic to its surroundings within the Green Belt. Temporary structures do not constitute previous development.