About the application

Application number: 2025/92721	
What is the application for?:	Change of use and alterations to barn to form boarding kennels/dog grooming/pet
Address of the site or building:	Moor Ford Barn, 146, Red Lane, Meltham, Holmfirth, HD9 5ND
Postcode:	HD9 5ND

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
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I am writing to formally object to the above planning application for the following reasons:

1. Traffic and Parking Concerns
The proposed access route is via a well-used public footpath. Increased vehicle traffic will pose a significant safety risk to pedestrians, including families and walkers who regularly use this path. Parking provision appears inadequate, which may lead to congestion and inappropriate roadside parking.

2. Impact on Pennines National Park Character
The site lies within the Pennines National Park, an area valued for its tranquillity and natural beauty. Introducing a commercial dog grooming and kennel facility is wholly out of character with the surrounding rural landscape and undermines the purpose of conserving this unique environment.

3. Noise and Odour Issues
Kennels inevitably generate persistent noise from barking dogs and unpleasant odours, which will negatively affect the amenity of neighbouring properties and the enjoyment of the countryside by visitors.

4. Harm to Local Wildlife
The area supports diverse wildlife, including owls and deer. Increased activity, noise, and potential waste from the proposed development will disturb these species and degrade their habitat.

5. Previous Rejection
This application was refused two years ago. The reasons for that decision remain valid today, and I see no justification for overturning it. Consistency in planning decisions is essential to maintain public confidence.

6. Unsympathetic Building Design
The proposed alterations fail to use traditional materials such as Yorkshire stone, which are integral to the local vernacular. This lack of sensitivity to design standards further detracts from the character of the area.

For these reasons, I urge the planning authority to reject this application and uphold the integrity of the Pennines National Park and its surrounding community.

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