

Having looked at the documents and read other objections, I strongly object to this application. I live in the area and walk past the property daily, it will increase traffic on an already dangerous road, it will decrease the enjoyment of this unique area and bring no benefit to the community, I object for this and the following reasons:

1. Traffic and Parking Concerns

Since the introduction of speed bumps to the main road through Meltham (B6107), there has been an increased use of Red Lane, which has already added to the danger for families, pushchairs and people who have to walk in the road, Red Lane is well used by walkers to access the public footpath, which is impacted by this proposal. This proposal will further increase vehicle traffic and 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. This will impact on my health and well-being since I live within half a mile and to the east of the proposed site, the exceptionally loud twenty four hours, seven days a week, sound from which, will be carried by the prevailing wind.

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.