

## About the application

Application number: 2025/93201	
What is the application for?:	Change of use of agricultural land to sui generis use for private dog walking an
Address of the site or building:	Land off, Wood Bottom Road, Netherton, Huddersfield, HD4 7DJ
Postcode:	HD5 8TA

## User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
<p>I object to the planning proposal for the field on Woodbottom Road in Netherton Valley to turn it into a Dog Training business, because this area is Green Belt Land and the planning laws say that this type of land should not be changed for the purposes of running a business, largely because it changes the character of the countryside which is protected by law. The business proposed is not sports and leisure and the changes will upset the nature of the countryside, especially the sheep that graze in the adjacent fields and who are herded by sheepdogs, and other wildlife that use this area as their habitat. Dog training is a popular activity so it is unlikely that four car park spaces will be enough and the narrow road outside the field is likely to be used for extra vehicles which destroys and disturbs hedgerows and grass verges used by birds, small animals and insects. A few wild flowers being planted in one small area next to the proposed carpark would not be enough to replace this loss, and the presence of humans and dogs from 8am – 8pm 7 days a week will scare current wildlife away from close proximity. Fortunately, there is a wooded area only a few metres up the road where owners can take their dogs and let them off the lead without spoiling the Green Belt land and without changing the look or character of this countryside valley: The field in the planning proposal can be seen from all four sides around the valley and would look out of place with proposed buildings/shelters added to it and a carpark area. The description of the area in the planning proposal is not accurate, and the countryside would be changed visually, ecologically and in terms of sounds as dog barks can carry for a long way (more than 200 metres) in quiet countryside open areas. (The nearby light-industry depot does not create any noticeable noise to residents). We chose to live in a peaceful area, and it currently is peaceful, but this proposal would change the countryside character for the people who currently use it in respect of it being Green Belt land. The increase of cars on a narrow country lane (Woodbottom Road), where you can only pass one way at a time, and visibility on that particular part is the poorest around the valley so would lead to increase in traffic and related problems for other road users and pedestrians.</p>	