

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?	Yes
<p>I object to planning application 2025/93201 on the grounds of increased traffic, noise and disturbance, inappropriate change of land use, and adverse environmental impacts.</p> <p>Having lived on Wood Bottom Road for over twenty years and having read the application with an open mind it is my opinion that the proposed development would generate significantly higher levels of vehicular movements compared with the previous low-intensity grazing use, creating additional traffic on rural lanes that are narrow, have poor visibility, and lack adequate pedestrian provision, raising highway safety concerns for residents, farm vehicles and other road users.</p> <p>The intensification of use also raises the prospect of persistent noise and disturbance to local residents — including from vehicles, machinery and potentially animals such as dogs — that would fundamentally alter the quiet character of this rural area and materially harm our rights to protection of residential amenity in terms of noise, disturbance, loss of tranquillity, change from quiet to intensive use and harm to the established character of the area. The opening hours are a particular concern in terms of noise at weekends and evenings beyond normal patterns of working hours.</p> <p>Further, converting open grazing land to a more intensive purpose would change the character of the landscape and could adversely affect local wildlife, habitats, and biodiversity that are a valued environmental asset. There are several protected species in the area including bats and nesting birds and in terms of the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981 these must not be disturbed.</p> <p>Whilst I support local enterprise and appreciate the business opportunity, I feel this is the wrong location for this particular project. Overall, it is my opinion that the proposal conflicts with the principles of protecting amenity, transport safety, and rural character in the Kirklees Local Plan and should be refused or amended to mitigate these impacts.</p>	