

Address: 6, Springhead Gardens, Huddersfield, HD8 8gj

About the application

Application number: 2026/90144	
What is the application for?:	Erection of detached dwelling with associated access and car parking
Address of the site or building:	Land off, Leak Hall Road, Denby Dale, Huddersfield, HD8 8NJ
Postcode:	HD8 8YN

User comments

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I understand that the development of this property is going to go ahead regardless, given that the land has already been sold by Kirklees Council to the developer.

As a neighbouring resident, I am concerned that the vegetation was cleared without a proper survey or prior assessment. The boundary hedgerows and established greenery made a valuable contribution to the character of the area, while also providing privacy, natural screening, and ecological benefits.

Neighbouring properties, including my own, have seen significant financial investment, with residents enjoying a long-standing sense of privacy and comfort within their homes. This included the use of private bedroom and living spaces and balconies, all of which were previously well screened by the trees. Since their removal, we are now required to keep curtains closed at all times, and outdoor spaces such as balconies can no longer be used or enjoyed in the same way.

Furthermore, these works were undertaken without any prior notice or consideration for those directly affected. Had I wished to overlook Takeaways and be exposed to bright lighting associated with such uses, I would have chosen to purchase a property on a main road at a significantly lower cost. I also note from the plans the developer hasn't added windows road facing on his planned property which indicates that they know it is unsightly and added five of the windows facing directly into my property.

In addition, the site previously supported a range of wildlife. The trees and hedgerows provided important habitat and shelter for birds and other species, and their removal is likely to have caused disturbance and a loss of biodiversity.

I would also note that, at the time of purchasing my property, I was advised by my developer that no houses could be built on the adjacent land and that it would remain private, partly due to the presence of a culvert running through the site. While I cannot verify the accuracy or current validity of this information, it nevertheless shaped our expectations regarding the future use and character of the land.

Trees and hedgerows are a key material consideration in planning decisions, and their loss should be properly assessed and justified before any works are undertaken.

I agree that a robust landscaping plan should now be required, including appropriate replacement planting to help restore visual amenity, privacy, and the environmental value of the site.