

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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We will be happy to see this site in use again, and welcome the self-build development by local people. The materials and design are in keeping with the location, and in conjunction with a suitable landscaping scheme, will be an asset to the village streetscape. We hope that the recommendation of ecologically valuable native trees will be supported and implemented. However, we have some concerns over the surface water drainage disposal proposals We wonder if a soakaway is actually feasible on this site, given the large size of the house and increasing intensity of rainfall storms, and especially given the uncertain shallow mining history? We have previously researched the history of land around the Library, and old maps clearly show that the application site was subject to quarrying or excavation in the 20th century (1929 OS 6"/mile survey & 1948 OS 6"/mile) There is mention of connection 'to existing surface water culverts' 'if necessary'. If this is done, we would ask that all possible precautions are taken to avoid damage or debris entering the culvert – the adjacent development of Old School Court blocked the culvert which resulted in repeated flooding of the Library car park, and culminated in serious repairs being required to the culvert under the main road. We also suspect that there may be other culverts under the site, perhaps dating from its use as part of the Nursery School grounds. There are definitely pipes and access chambers in the space behind the Library. We support the recommendation to employ a 'technically competent person to ensure a proper assessment' of drainage is carried out, and believe this is essential before any work begins.	