

Address: Lower Langley Barn, 195, Latham Lane, Cleckheaton, Bd194AR

About the application

Application number: 2026/90211	
What is the application for?:	Erection of residential development for 9 dwellings with associated works (withi
Address of the site or building:	West House, Oxford Road, Gomersal, Cleckheaton, BD19 4AU
Postcode:	BD7 1NH

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
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Full detailed objection has been emailed to the case officer.

I wish to strongly object to the Latham Lane access element (Application Site A) of planning application 2026/62/90211/E. A full and comprehensive objection letter has been emailed separately, but I am submitting this summary to ensure my objection is properly recorded.

My concerns relate specifically to the proposal to use Latham Lane, a dead end semi rural lane, as an access point for a multi dwelling development. The lane is extremely narrow, has no pavements, and serves a wide range of vulnerable users including walkers, families, BBG Academy pupils, Little Latham Farmers nursery groups, and daily equestrian traffic accessing the bridleway at the end of the lane. All of these users would be required to pass the proposed access point.

The lane has already proven incapable of accommodating construction traffic, as demonstrated during the recent development at 77 Latham Lane, where the road was repeatedly blocked for 20–30 minutes at a time and became impassable due to HGVs, parked contractor vehicles, and unloading activity. This disruption occurred for a single dwelling that already had a pre existing access. Application Site A would require creation of a new access, significantly more construction traffic, and roadworks for utilities, making the impact far greater.

The lane offers no alternative route and any obstruction — even for as little as 10 minutes — would cause severe safety risks due to the proximity of the blind bend at the Drub Lane junction, which already carries steady through traffic between Whitehall Road and Gomersal. Any queuing or stationary vehicles in this location would create an immediate hazard for road users with no advance visibility.

The proposal also lacks justification in terms of housing need. Currently, there are 48 detached homes for sale across BD19, several detached homes remain available on West Lane in Gomersal, and there is also a detached home for sale on Latham Lane itself. This clearly demonstrates that there is no shortage of detached properties in the local area, and creating three additional dwellings accessed via an unsuitable lane cannot be justified. [kirklees.gov.uk] [blm.gov] [landcycle.com]

Furthermore, the public should have been able to locate this application under both access points. When searching the planning portal, I was unable to locate the application under “Latham Lane” and could only find it when searching under “Oxford Road.” Given the significant local impact, this lack of visibility reduces transparency and risks preventing affected residents from being aware of the proposal.

For all of these reasons — severe access constraints, proven safety risks, impact on vulnerable users, lack of demonstrable housing need, and concerns over the visibility of the application — I strongly object to the Latham Lane access proposal.

My full objection has been emailed directly for formal consideration.