

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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I wish to object to the above planning application.

My objection relates specifically to the proposed access from Latham Lane and the resulting impact on highway safety and the character of the area.

Latham Lane is a narrow, single-track lane with no pavement provision. It currently functions as a quiet, semi-rural dead-end road and is regularly used by walkers, runners, dog walkers and cyclists, in addition to limited vehicular traffic. The absence of footpaths means that pedestrians and vehicles must share the same carriageway space.

The proposed development of nine dwellings, with access onto Latham Lane, would inevitably lead to a significant increase in vehicle movements, including daily residential traffic, visitor vehicles, delivery vans and service vehicles. During the construction phase, there would also be heavy goods vehicles and contractor traffic accessing the site.

Given the constrained width of the lane and its current shared-use nature, this increase in traffic raises serious concerns regarding:

Highway safety for pedestrians and cyclists

Conflict between vehicles passing in opposite directions

Reduced safety for vulnerable road users due to lack of pavements

Increased risk at points where visibility is restricted

Latham Lane is not designed or constructed to accommodate the traffic levels associated with a residential development of this scale. Introducing a primary access point onto such a narrow lane would materially alter its function and character, transforming it from a quiet recreational route into a vehicular access road serving multiple dwellings.

This would have a detrimental impact on:

The safety of existing users

The rural and tranquil character of the lane

The amenity value of the area for local residents and visitors

While housing delivery is recognised as important, access arrangements must be appropriate and safe. In this case, the proposed access from Latham Lane does not appear suitable for the scale of development proposed.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the application be refused, or that alternative access arrangements be required which do not rely on Latham Lane.