

About the application

Application number: 2026/90310	
What is the application for?:	Erection of 37 dwellings with associated access, parking, landscaping and creati
Address of the site or building:	land off, Sunny View, White Lee, Batley, WF17 8FP
Postcode:	

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
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I strongly object to this application.

The proposal represents unjustified development of valued greenfield land and conflicts with both the Kirklees Local Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). The site is existing greenspace that contributes to local character, biodiversity and community wellbeing. Local Plan Policy LP61 seeks to protect Urban Green Space and land of amenity and ecological value. The permanent loss of this open land cannot be justified where clear harm would arise.

National policy requires substantial weight to be given to prioritising suitable brownfield land within settlements. This proposal would instead develop undeveloped greenfield land, with no compelling evidence that previously developed alternatives have been exhausted. The “brownfield first” principle exists to prevent unnecessary loss of open land such as this.

The site supports wildlife including bats, owls and other species. NPPF paragraph 180 requires development to minimise biodiversity harm and secure measurable net gain. The loss of established habitat and foraging corridors cannot be adequately mitigated by ornamental landscaping.

Highway safety is also a serious concern. White Lee Road is already congested, with on-street parking, peak-time traffic towards Junction 27, and a history of accidents and flooding. Under NPPF paragraph 115, development should be refused where cumulative impacts on the road network would be severe. An additional 37 dwellings will materially worsen existing conditions.

Furthermore, the proposal would increase surface water runoff from currently permeable land, placing additional strain on drainage systems in an area that has already experienced flooding.

The development would also result in overlooking into our rear garden, causing loss of privacy and harm to residential amenity, contrary to Local Plan design and amenity policies.

Finally, local GP services and schools are already oversubscribed. The addition of new housing without confirmed infrastructure capacity is unsustainable.

For these reasons, the environmental, highway, amenity and policy harms clearly outweigh any limited benefit of this scheme. I respectfully request that planning permission be refused.

Yours faithfully,