

Address: 8, SUNNY COURT, BATLEY, WF17 8FQ

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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<p>I am writing to formally object to the proposed development of 37 new homes on the grounds of insufficient secondary school capacity within the local area, as identified in the Council's own assessment.</p> <p>The Council's School Organisation and Planning team has confirmed that the development falls within the priority admission areas of Batley Girls' High School and Upper Batley High School. While projected pupil yield has been split evenly between the two schools, it is clearly stated that Batley Girls' High School is already oversubscribed and unable to accommodate additional demand arising from the development.</p> <p>Critically, the surplus capacity at Upper Batley High School cannot mitigate this shortfall, as it is a boys-only school and places are not interchangeable. This creates a clear and foreseeable deficiency in appropriate school places for female pupils generated by the development.</p> <p>Although a developer education contribution has been requested, there is no guarantee that this funding will be sufficient, secured, or delivered in a timely manner to address the identified shortfall. Without certainty around the provision of additional school places at the appropriate school, the development risks placing further strain on an already oversubscribed system, to the detriment of existing and future residents.</p> <p>Approving the development under these circumstances would be premature and contrary to the Council's own policy of ensuring that adequate infrastructure, including education provision, is in place to support new housing.</p> <p>For these reasons, I strongly object to the proposal and urge the Council to refuse planning permission unless and until sufficient, guaranteed provision is made to address the shortfall in places at Batley Girls' High School.</p>	