

About the application

Application number: 2026/91251	
What is the application for?:	Outline application for erection of residential development of up to 9 dwellings
Address of the site or building:	land off, Meltham Road, Marsden, Huddersfield, HD7 6JZ
Postcode:	LS1 2JS

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
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I object to this application because the site is within the Green Belt and the proposed development would extend Marsden beyond its established village edge. The existing housing at Gatehead Bank forms a clear and boundary between the built-up part of Marsden and the open countryside beyond. The land to the north and east has a very different character: open fields, rising land and moorland beyond. Building nine houses on this site would push the village further along Meltham Road and would harm the openness of the Green Belt. The impact would not just be the houses themselves, but also the new access, parking, domestic gardens, fencing, lighting and day-to-day activity. These would permanently change the character of the site from open countryside to residential development. The Kirklees Green Belt Review identifies this area, parcel MA8, as land where development could lead to an elongated settlement form and where ribbon development along Meltham Road should be guarded against. In my view, this proposal does exactly that. I do not agree that this land should be treated as “grey belt”. It is not previously developed land and it still performs an important Green Belt function by keeping a clear edge to the village and protecting the countryside from gradual encroachment. Marsden does need housing, particularly affordable and social housing, but this application does not appear to provide that. A small number of market houses does not justify the permanent loss of Green Belt land, especially when brownfield sites (of which there are many in Marsden) should be prioritised first. For these reasons, I ask that the application is refused.	