

Address: Badger Hey Barn, Chain Road, Huddersfield, HD7 5TZ

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

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There are many reasons why this application should be rejected but chief amongst them is the negative impact on countryside amenity and the health of the countryside environment.

For many, many years organisations such as the Countryside Commission, the National Trust, DEFRA (and its Countryside Stewardship schemes) and the RSPB, in particular, have striven to maintain and enhance the countryside environment across a swathe of heritage 'Upland Pennine' meadowland from Deer Hill through to Marsden and beyond into the higher reaches of the Colne Valley.

Efforts have focused on supporting the flora and fauna of increasingly rare (at a national level, too) 'Upland Pastures'. These initiatives have concentrated on habitat for increasingly rare birds such as twite and curlew and on the other bats and birds and diverse plant life that still can flourish in upland meadows such as the one covered by this application.

The Applicant's 'green-washing' eco-report talks blandly of 'Biodiversity Gain' and one may suppose that the developers, if approved, will plant a few shrubs and trees. But - even if it that happens - any so-called gain will be of an entirely different character to what currently exists with all its current scope for enrichment and improvement. Once it's gone it's gone.

It seems perverse that in the face of huge efforts to secure valuable countryside heritage for future generations that this application would, if approved, permanently destroy the landscape and deprive the community of precious areas of natural diversity, beauty and amenity.

We have already seen the loss of much countryside around Lingards. If this application is approved then, before you know it, all the land between Marsden and Slaithwaite will cease to be a wildlife corridor but will become a long ribbon housing development. Some areas are too valuable to lose. There are other places where houses could be built.

We urge that this application be refused.