

Address: 18, Highfield Avenue, Huddersfield, Hd88xt

About the application

Application number: 2026/91494	
What is the application for?:	Outline application for erection of residential development, including associate
Address of the site or building:	Land off, Penistone Road, Birdsedge, Huddersfield, HD8 8XP
Postcode:	

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
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I wish to object to the proposed development on the land off Penistone Road, Birdsedge, Huddersfield, HD8 8XP.

My primary concern is the significant impact this development would have on an already heavily congested section of Penistone Road. The site is located directly opposite the local school, and traffic levels are particularly high during school drop-off and collection times. It is common for vehicles to park on or partially obstruct the pavement, forcing pedestrians into the road and creating unsafe conditions.

As a resident of Highfield Avenue, I already experience difficulties accessing and exiting my road due to the volume of traffic using Penistone Road. On some days I rely on a wheelchair, and the current situation makes it extremely challenging to travel safely. Obstructed pavements often leave insufficient space for wheelchair users, parents with pushchairs, and other vulnerable pedestrians. Additional housing and the associated increase in vehicle movements would inevitably worsen these existing problems.

The junctions and surrounding roads are already under pressure, and further traffic generation would increase congestion, delays, noise and air pollution in what is currently a rural village setting. Road safety should be a key consideration, particularly given the close proximity of the school and the number of children crossing the road each day.

I am also concerned about the impact on local wildlife and biodiversity. The proposed site forms part of the green space surrounding the village and provides habitat and movement corridors for birds, small mammals, bats and other wildlife. Development would result in habitat loss and further urbanisation of an area that contributes to the rural character of Birdsedge.

In addition, the development would place further strain on local infrastructure and services. The village has limited capacity in terms of roads, parking and community facilities, and there is a risk that these pressures would increase as a result of additional housing.

For these reasons, including existing traffic congestion, road safety concerns, accessibility issues for wheelchair users, loss of wildlife habitat and the detrimental impact on the character of the village, I respectfully request that planning permission for this development be refused.