

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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This development will ruin the character and nature of Birdsedge, by building 70 houses in such a quaint village. Birdsedge will stop being "quaint" and become another generic out-of-town housing cluster. There are lots of brownfield sites which could be developed first before defacing our Green belt. Let's be honest. Developers want to build here - in HD8 - because they know they can command premium prices for their houses to maximise their profits. The returns for building the same houses on brownfield sites would be substantially lower. So this is not some altruistic-driven development to create "25 social houses". The social housing is a loss-leader to try to get approval for the builders to rake in massive profits from their 45 other half-a-million pound houses. This in no way solves Britain's housing crisis, by creating 25 Social houses in a plot dominated by massive, expensive Executive Homes. This feels like the thin end of the wedge that this will set a precedent for other Green Belt land to be utilised for construction. The further impact of allowing this development is that it will add 158 more cars (at least, according the the car parking spaces, and not including if some households have three or more cars). This is already a busy road that the development is built off, and close to the notorious accident blackspots of the Sovereign Garage and Carr Hill Road. The council have been battling for years to solve the problem of these dangerous junctions as the accidents and fatalities keep mounting. Add to this, the fact there village school is at capacity and will not be able to cope with more pupils, the doctors surgery at Skelmerthorne is already turning away patients	

more pupils, the doctors surgery at Skeimanthorpe is already turning away patients who live in Upper Denby and BirdsEdge because its oversubscribed, and patients are being asked to find practices themselves that will take them.

The dentists are also oversubscribed. There are no shops, so people will be driving (or getting supermarket deliveries) adding to the journey's and traffic.

Finally, its position above and upstream of the ancient woodland means that there is a real danger of damage. The farmlands which for centuries have soaked up the rainfall will be replaced by tarmac and roofs and water running off. There are attenuation tanks in the plans, but if these tanks are full during the heavy downpours and there is run off into the nearby beck, this will damage the ancient woodland below with flooding and pollution.

There is another application in Upper Cumberworth for 123 homes at the other side of the ancient woodland. I would urge you to reject that as well. It is like a pincer movement by the bulldozers which will destroy this beloved beauty spot.

Once that ancient woodland has gone, it has gone.

Please reject this application.