

Name: Karen Hindle

### About the application

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| 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

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| Type of comment: An objection                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |     |
| Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Yes |
| Re: Planning Application 2026/91494 – Formal Objection                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |     |
| <p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>I am writing to formally object to Planning Application 2026/91494 for the proposed housing development in Birdsedge.</p> <p>I have been a resident of Birdsedge for the past 13 years and have experienced first-hand the character of the village, the pressures on its roads and local services, and the importance of the surrounding agricultural land and natural environment. Having considered the proposal, I believe this development would have a significant negative impact on the village and is not a sustainable form of development.</p> <p>My objections are as follows:</p> <p>1. Highway Safety and Increased Traffic</p> <p>The development will generate a significant increase in traffic on roads that are already busy and where speeding is a well-known concern.</p> <p>Additional vehicles will increase the risk of accidents involving motorists, pedestrians and cyclists. With limited public transport and no local shops or everyday amenities, future residents are likely to rely heavily on private cars, placing even greater pressure on the existing road network.</p> <p>2. Loss of Agricultural Land</p> <p>The proposal would result in the permanent loss of valuable agricultural land.</p> |     |

This land contributes to food production, supports wildlife, provides natural drainage and helps maintain the rural character of Birdledge. Once developed, it cannot be replaced, and I do not believe its loss can be justified.

### 3. Impact on Biodiversity

The site provides valuable habitat for birds, mammals, insects and other wildlife.

Development would result in the loss of established habitats that cannot simply be replaced through biodiversity net gain measures. Protecting existing biodiversity should be a priority.

### 4. Lack of Infrastructure

Birdledge does not have the infrastructure to support a development of this size.

Public transport is limited, local GP surgeries are already under pressure, and the village has no shops or everyday amenities. Residents already need to travel to neighbouring towns and villages for many essential services, increasing reliance on private vehicles.

Approving further housing without the necessary infrastructure is unsustainable and will place additional pressure on local services.

### 5. Surface Water Drainage and Flood Risk

I am concerned about the impact this development could have on surface water drainage.

The site is currently agricultural land that naturally absorbs rainfall. Replacing it with buildings and hard surfaces will increase surface water runoff and reduce the land's natural drainage capacity.

It is essential that the Council is satisfied that the proposed drainage measures will not increase flood risk either on the site or elsewhere, particularly as periods of heavy rainfall are becoming more frequent.

### Conclusion

For these reasons, I respectfully request that Kirklees Council refuses Planning Application 2026/91494. The proposal would increase traffic, result in the permanent loss of agricultural land, harm biodiversity, place additional pressure on local infrastructure and services, and raise concerns about surface water drainage.

Thank you for considering my objections.

Yours faithfully,

Karen