

Address: Dean Bridge Farm, Dean Bridge Lane, Holmfirth, HD9 1TD

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	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	No
I wish to object to the planning application 2026/60/91494/E Pressure on local amenities and reduction in services to the local population • Services within the area are already stretched. These proposals will put significant pressure on the existing GP surgery. The local GP at Shepley is already operating at over 2,200 patients per full time GP which is above the safe operating limits as detailed by the British Medical Association. This is without considering the effect of these proposals and others in the immediate area, as well as the recent development in Penistone. • Birdsedge School currently has capacity for school places. However, there is no consideration by the developer of the impact that other residential planning requests in the area will also have on this little village school. Scissett Middle School and Shelley College area already oversubscribed and this proposal will only exacerbate the problem. • There are currently no local Dentists in the area that are accepting NHS patients. Road and pedestrian safety • There are a number of current concerns registered by residents with Local Councillors regarding the safety of Penistone road (A629) at Birdsedge. Concerns and complaints have been submitted regarding speeding vehicles in particular. West Yorkshire Police have conducted targeted intelligence-led traffic operations in Birdsedge to address the “fatal five” driving offences; speeding, drink/drug driving, using a mobile phone, failure to wear a seatbelt and careless/dangerous driving as a direct response to feedback and reports from Residents and Councillors. • Penistone Road, Birdsedge is a primary hotspot for local speed checks and traffic operations. Recent operations have resulted in multiple Traffic Offence reports. Traffic and Road Safety is currently listed as one of the West Yorkshire Police – Kirklees Rural Priorities at Birdsedge for 2026. • There are no current pedestrian crossings at Birdsedge for residents and school children to safely cross the road, which has already been identified as a concern by the	

children to safely cross the road, which has already been identified as a concern by the Police and Residents.

- Current residential proposals will increase traffic into and through the area. Also, other planning proposals will also do the same as residents will have no alternative but to rely on vehicles.

Reliance on cars

- The local bus service at Birdsedge only operates every 2 hours into the Town Centre, therefore this means that residents will be solely dependent upon car use for commuting.

- There are no Supermarkets within walking distance of Birdsedge and therefore residents will be vehicle dependent.

Wildlife and Habitats

- Wildlife is regularly seen in the proposed areas for development. Owls, foxes, deer and bats have all been seen within the field. These species rely heavily on the existing fields and mature trees. The loss of this would be a major concern.

Protected Trees

There are tree preservation orders affecting trees on the border of the site (

ID:DD2/51W38 and

ID:DD2/51W39). It is essential that the development does not impact on the trees and the ancient woodland.

Light pollution

Birdsedge is an intrinsically dark landscape. Artificial lighting will have a negative impact on the locality. The development will alter light levels in a currently dark landscape which will affect wildlife.

Not in the local plan

The proposals conflict with the national and local planning policy. The application site lies within designated Green Belt area. In addition, the housing proposals are not in keeping with the area.