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**From:**  
**Sent:** 12 July 2026 16:57  
**To:** DC Admin  
**Subject:** Objection to planning application 2026/91494-Birdsedge

**Categories:**

Dear Kirklees Council,

Re: Planning application 2026/91494– Land off Penistone Road, Birdsedge

I object to this application and urge the council to refuse it.

I live in Honley, but Birdsedge is where much of my week is spent: my husband and I help care for our two granddaughters there while their parents work, which means school-bus runs on the A629 every day we are needed, and it means I walk the footpaths around the village constantly – they are some of the finest walking in this part of Kirklees.

I am, unashamedly, a fierce advocate for the Green Belt, and this application is exactly the kind of thing the Green Belt exists to stop. This is open, working farmland in the middle of a small village, bounded by drystone walls, grazed, alive with birds, and enjoyed by everyone who walks here. It is not scrap land waiting for a use; it already has one. The council knows this – it looked at this precise field when preparing the Local Plan and refused to take it out of the Green Belt, partly because there is no proper boundary on its eastern side to stop development simply rolling on into the next field, and the next. Walkers see that geography plainly: once the first estate goes in on this flank, there is nothing on the ground to hold the second. And with 123 houses already proposed up the road at Upper Cumberworth, the direction of travel is obvious – two villages creeping towards each other across the very countryside that keeps them distinct. The Green Belt was invented to prevent exactly that, and it only works if councils hold the line when tested.

I will add my voice on the road as well, because I stand on it with my granddaughters: the A629 through Birdsedge is fast and intimidating, the girls must cross it for their buses, and a new junction pouring the traffic of seventy homes onto it beside the school is a danger to every child in the village.

This field was refused once through the proper plan process. Please refuse it again.

Yours faithfully,

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