

Address: Gunthwaite Top Farm, Denby Lane, Huddersfield, HD8 8UN

About the application

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

User comments

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I wish to formally object to the above planning application.

Birdsedge is a small agricultural village and the proposed residential development would significantly change the character of the village and would represent an unnecessary urban expansion into open countryside.

My concerns are as follows:

- The development would result in the loss of agricultural land that contributes to the rural setting and character of Birdsedge.
- The scale of the proposal is out of keeping with the size and nature of the existing village.
- Penistone Road is already heavily used, and additional traffic from a housing development would increase congestion and create highway safety concerns for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists.
- The proposal would place further pressure on local services and infrastructure, including schools, healthcare, drainage and utilities.
- The development would have an adverse impact on local wildlife, biodiversity and the surrounding landscape.
- Increased noise, lighting and activity would diminish the peaceful nature of this rural community.
- This proposal would set an undesirable precedent for further housing development, gradually eroding the agricultural character of Birdsedge.

Although I do not live in Birdsedge myself, it is a neighbouring village. A village that I have passed though many a time and feel that it needs a neighbours support.

I respectfully ask the Council to carefully consider whether this proposal is appropriate for this location and whether it genuinely preserves the distinctive rural character of Birdsedge. I believe the harm caused to the landscape, village setting and local infrastructure outweighs any potential benefits of the scheme.

I would also like the Council to consider that agricultural land is a finite resource. Once this land is developed, it is lost forever and cannot be returned to its original use. Birdsedge has a long-standing agricultural heritage, and the permanent loss of this countryside would not only diminish the village's character but also reduce valuable green space for future generations. Development on this site would be irreversible, and I believe every effort should be made to protect this land from unnecessary development.

For these reasons, I urge the Council to refuse planning application 2026/60/91494/E.