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Sent: 13 July 2026 16:12
To: DC Admin
Subject: Application number: 2026/60/91494/E, Penistone Road, Birdsedge.

I wish to object to the above application on the grounds of:

- 1: The Land is Green Belt and is an area of high landscape value and is adjacent to an ancient woodland and heritage assets of a mill and a 1638 farmhouse. There was a challenge about this site's status as Green Belt land in 2017, and it failed - so why build on it now?
- 2: The local sewer network is at capacity and is unable to take on a development of this size. Because the site is not in the local plan, Yorkshire Water has not planned any funding for upgrades for this.
- 3: Transport: To live in a rural village like Birdsedge you need to have a car as transport links are virtually non-existent. Buses are every couple of hours to Huddersfield. The train station is 30 to 45 minutes walk away in the next village.
- 4: Penistone Road A629 is an extremely busy road, cars speed on a daily basis even though the limit is 30 mph and the Junior school is on the opposite side of the road to this development.
- 5 Within less than half an mile of this development there are 3 extremely busy road junctions and accident black spots. One of them this weekend has had 2 accidents on it (the Carr Hill Road Cross Roads). More traffic on local roads = more accidents!
- 6: The local GP Practice in Shepley is already over subscribed and yet again you would need a car to get there.
- 7: The local River Dearne would be put at risk from pollution, from approximately 140 cars at the development. The applicant states that surface water drainage goes directly to the Dearne. Pollution would be caused by soap from people washing cars on driveways and the possibility of fuel/oil spillages (all of which goes into surface water drains).
8. There are absolutely no local services in Birdsedge (eg. shops, caffes, hairdressers, dentists, etc) which means multiple car journeys a day for the residents of this development. Any attempts at 'greenwashing' this development are bound to fail in the eyes of most residents.