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Sent: 13 July 2026 13:03
To: DC Admin
Subject: Strong objections for development at birds edge off penistone road

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to formally object to the proposed development at Birds Edge, Holmfirth.

As a local resident, I strongly believe this development is entirely unsuitable for the village and will have a significant and irreversible impact on the area, its residents, and the surrounding countryside.

Birds Edge is a small rural village that has retained its agricultural heritage, open countryside, and peaceful character for generations. This proposal would destroy valuable agricultural land that should be protected, replacing open rolling fields with housing that is completely out of keeping with the landscape. Once this land has been built on, it can never be restored.

The development would also have a damaging effect on local wildlife, habitats, mature trees, and the natural landscape. These green spaces are home to many species and form an essential part of the character of the village. The loss of trees and open countryside would be devastating and would permanently change the appearance of Birds Edge from an attractive rural village into an increasingly built-up and cluttered estate.

Another major concern is the increase in traffic. The local roads are already under pressure, and adding a substantial number of new homes will inevitably increase congestion, create further safety concerns, and place additional strain on local infrastructure and services. Birds Edge simply does not have the road network or facilities to support this level of development.

The proposal would also have a serious impact on existing residents' quality of life. Many properties would experience a significant loss of privacy due to overlooking from new homes, leaving residents feeling overlooked in their own gardens and living spaces. This loss of privacy is unacceptable and would fundamentally change how people are able to enjoy their own homes. In addition, the development would restrict existing views across the countryside that residents have enjoyed for many years, replacing open landscapes with rows of housing.

The openness of the area is one of Birds Edge's defining features. The rolling fields, mature trees, and uninterrupted countryside are what make this village special. This development would urbanise the landscape, creating a cramped and cluttered appearance that is completely at odds with the rural character of the village.

It is deeply unfair that long standing residents should have to bear the consequences of such a significant development when it will permanently alter the place they chose to live. Villages like Birds Edge should be protected, not gradually eroded through inappropriate development.

I urge the Council to refuse this application and to protect the character, landscape, agricultural heritage, wildlife, and residential amenity of Birds Edge for current and future generations.

Sincerely