

Address: 4, Park Lane, Huddersfield, HD8 8NP

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:	

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Re: Planning Application 2026/60/9149 – Land off Penistone Road, Birdsedge
I wish to object to the above planning application on the following planning grounds.

Firstly, the proposed development would result in the loss of Green Belt land, contrary to Green Belt policy. The site makes an important contribution to the openness of the countryside and helps prevent urban sprawl. Kirklees Council has previously concluded that there are no exceptional circumstances to justify removing this site from the Green Belt, and I do not believe that position has changed.

The proposal would also place additional pressure on local infrastructure. The development of over 70 new homes would significantly increase demand on local GP services, schools, roads, public transport and drainage systems. It has been stated that the existing sewer network does not have the capacity to accommodate a development of this scale, and no funded upgrades are currently planned. This raises serious concerns regarding the sustainability of the proposal.

There are also highway safety concerns. An increase of approximately 90–140 additional vehicles would add to congestion on local roads and could adversely affect road safety, particularly around school access and existing junctions.

The site has ecological value and supports wildlife. Development would lead to the loss and fragmentation of habitat, affecting protected and declining species, as well as trees and the wider landscape character. This would diminish the rural setting and biodiversity of the area.

In addition, the development would harm the character of the countryside and the setting of nearby heritage assets, including the historic mill and 1638 farmhouse. The scale of the proposal is out of keeping with the existing village and would represent unsustainable growth.

Finally, the proposal conflicts with the adopted Local Plan and previous planning assessments, which found that the site should not be released from the Green Belt and that doing so would create an indefensible Green Belt boundary and risk further encroachment into the countryside.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that Kirklees Council refuses this planning application.

Yours faithfully,

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