

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:	

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
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I wish to object to this development. Birdsedge is a tiny village with few resources, and cannot support a large increase in population. It's unclear how many houses are intended for the site, but the proposed development is directly opposite a small primary school, and there are already major speed & traffic concerns on Penistone road. Development in Birdsedge above single digit numbers of houses will only worsen this issue.

A further consideration is the junction just up at the road at the Sovereign. This junction already operates over capacity during peak times as per traffic surveys taken when the quarry in Upper Cumberworth was approved, and when the quarry becomes operational, this junction will worsen considerably in terms of safety and traffic density. If this development, along with the other locally proposed developments are allowed to go ahead, we will see more and more accidents at this junction or the junction further down with Cross Lane.

The local area simply cannot cope with such a rapid increase in population. When considering the cumulative effect of the number of housing developments that have been approved recently, or are currently going through planning, local residents and those moving into the area are finding it harder to access services they require. Denby Dale has seen numerous housing developments built, along with several sites in Shepley, and the proposed sites in Upper Cumberworth and Shepley among others are still being considered. Such a rapid increase in housing in small rural villages, with no increase in basic provisions such as doctors, dentists, schooling, local shops or businesses means the current providers are stretched and unable to provide for everyone.

Lastly, the proximity to the ancient woodland is a concern because Yorkshire Water have already made it clear that sewer system in Birdsedge and Upper Cumberworth are insufficient, and so the run off from this site will flow downhill and contaminate the woodland. There are various protected species living in the woodland, including deer and bats, alongside the Hairy Wood Ant which requires incredibly specific conditions to thrive and lives very successful within the woodland.

I object to this development in the strongest terms and ask the council to do the right thing by residents and protect our green belt.