

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

Type of comment: An objection	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	Yes

I strongly object to planning application 2026/60/91494/E

I am a resident of the next village to Birdsedge, have family who live in Birdsedge and have had a child who has attended the village school throughout her primary years.

The reasons I object to the proposed development are as follows -

Highway safety - the A629 which runs through the village is a busy road and despite having a limit of 30mph on the main stretch of it has a constant problem with drivers exceeding the speed limit. I have witnessed this on a number of occasions; at times speeds have been unbelievably excessive. Parking of cars outside of the school adds further to the problem of congestion; an additional junction and greater volume of vehicles would only add to the safety risks that already exist.

Openness of the Green Belt - this proposal would mean a significant change to this Green Belt area. It has not been designated a grey belt area which of course should be considered before this and after looking at the use of Brownfield sites first in Kirklees.

Wildlife - the development would have a significant negative impact on local wildlife and the habitats they need to survive. The fields and surrounding woodland provide an important habitat for a variety of species including owls, deer and nesting birds. Construction and increased human activity would impact their survival resulting in a loss of biodiversity in the area.

Local services - the GP's surgery at Shepley is already significantly over subscribed. Any added influx of patients would impact the quality of patient access to the surgery.

The local plan - the Council have previously rejected this site for development stating that there are no exceptional circumstances to justify the removal of this site from the Greenbelt. Nothing has changed since then; the land continues to be used as agricultural land.

I respectfully ask that planning application 2026/60/91494/E be refused by Kirklees Council