

Address: 103A, Carr Hill Road, Huddersfield, HD8 8XN

About the application

Application number: 2026/60/91494/E	
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:	

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Yet another application by house builders to erect residential properties on green belt land. Why do Kirklees even accept these applications?

It is identified as green belt and should remain so. It is not in Kirklees's own Local Plan, and hence should be refused. Yorkshire Water have already advised that they have no plans (nor funds) to upgrade the sewer network (as it's not in the Local Plan), and therefore they can't cope with a housing development of this size.

The potential development is proposed to be adjacent to the very busy and at times dangerous A629 road, which has speeding traffic more often than not. It is also sited opposite a Junior School - a recipe for disaster. Birds Edge is a very small rural village with no real amenities, and a bus service only every two hours. Therefore virtually all journeys need to be made by car, whether this is to the already stretched doctors or dentists, let alone shops and largerschools. The nearest shop/garage is at the Sovereign crossroads, a well know accident blackspot. The junction of Penistone Road with Carr Hill Road (where there were two major accidents this last weekend), is also an accident blackspot. The nearest doctors, dentists, large schools would all involve multiple journeys along the busy section of road from Birds Edge to Carr Hill Road (and then the "rat run" to Denby Dale) or the junction at The Sovereign garage/pub, and beyond.

Birds Edge also suffers from significant snowfalls over winter due to its elevation, and this only adds to the potential traffic problems on the A629, which somehow has to cope with slow moving farm vehicles (as it's a rural area), large articulated lorries and speeding cars.

There will be potential harm to the various local heritage assets and their settings, irreparable damage to trees, and the local wildlife, a flood risk, and a loss of agricultural land.

There are sufficient "brownfield" sites available within Kirklees that should be targeted for development before any consideration is given to greenfield sites that have not been identified within the Local Plan.

The village cannot cope with this type of development which would be better suited to an area where there are existing transport links, infrastructure able to cope and accessible facilities nearby.

I therefore ask that this application is refused, and that the green belt is preserved.