

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:	

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
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Objection to Planning Application No 2026/60/91494/E I wish to object to this application for the following reasons. The proposed site is not allocated within the Kirklees Local Plan. The site has been identified as designated Greenbelt. It is currently productive agricultural land and has been so for centuries. The site is within an area of natural beauty, which enhances this scenic parts of Birds Edge and the surrounding area. The entrance to the estate will be opposite a primary school on a busy main road which, despite speed restrictions, suffers from constant speeding traffic. The proposed development will be for 70+ houses will result in a 40% increase in housing density! There is absolutely no way that the existing infrastructure could withstand this increase. There are insufficient school, medical, transport and most of all, sewage and water facilities to cope with this size of population increase. Within the Flood Risk Assessment report there is a letter from Yorkshire Water stating that "the existing system has insufficient capacity, in both Foul and Surface water disposal, to deal with the proposed development". They finish the paragraph on Foul Water by stating that "Yorkshire Water would likely not support the development." This was the same response given to the developers of the proposed site for 123 house at Barnsley Road Upper Cumberworth. They share the same sewage system and sewage plant so it would appear that the system is not able to cope with any further developments. The surface water off the site is to be drained into the River Dearne. Within half a mile	

The surface water on the site is to be drained into the River Dearne. within half a mile of the Birdsedge site is the confluence of the Dearne and the Park Dyke stream. The Cumberworth development propose disposing their runoff water into Park Dyke thereby there will be a double introduction of contaminated water into the Dearne at the risk of further erosion and potential flooding in Denby Dale.

The proposed site is at present agricultural land which, no doubt will have ancient stone land drains within in it. The construction and digging of the site will cause excessive damage to these drains which will then allow uncontrolled land water to filter underground. Due to the steep nature of the ground the uncontrolled water will flow south into the upper part of the Dearne and increase even more the flow of excess water.

Just North East of the site is the ancient woodlands of the Upper Dearne. This place is very active with wildlife. The lighting from the development will cause disturbance to this quiet and beautiful area

For these above reasons, and many more recorded elsewhere, the application should be refused outright.