

Address: 6 Birdsedge Farm Mews Huddersfield

About the application

Application number: 2026/91494	
What is the application for?:	ADDITIONAL AND REVISED INFORMATION RECEIVED. Outline application for erection of
Address of the site or building:	Land off, Penistone Road, Birdsedge, Huddersfield, HD8 8XP
Postcode:	

User comments

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As local residents, we strongly object to the proposed residential development to the land off Penistone Road, Birdsedge and respectfully request this planning application is refused. We strongly believe these proposals constitute unnecessary, inappropriate and unsustainable development to the open rural countryside to the village of Birdsedge. The proposed development would significantly disrupt the peaceful, open, rural and natural beauty of the area.

Birdsedge village is classed as a rural settlement, with limited services. The proposed site is identified as agricultural land and is actively farmed. The scale and nature of the proposed development would not be in keeping with the open rural character and valuable agricultural landscape of Birdsedge and surrounding area.

The proposed site is designated as Green Belt. Development on Green Belt is considered inappropriate unless very special circumstances exist. The proposed residential development on existing agricultural land does not constitute 'very special circumstances'

The proposed access to this development is off the A629 Penistone Road. The A629 is a main artery link between Huddersfield and Sheffield and the M1 motorway (North and South). The A629 can be extremely busy with commuters and HGV traffic. There have been numerous serious accidents over the years on this stretch of the A629. Providing another access and further input of traffic onto the A629, close to the infant and primary school will only create further road safety issues.

The development will lead to a reduction in local wildlife, which is an important part of the area's character. The field for the proposed development is known to be a nesting ground for Northern Lapwings, which are considered a species of high conservation. On rare occasions we have experienced Roe Deer grazing in these fields.

Today the village of Birdsedge has approximately 170 homes and a population of circa 350 people. The increase of say 70 new homes will increase this population by circa 140 people, a population increase of around 40%. We have justified concerns regarding the higher volumes of vehicle traffic this will generate. The village of Birdsedge has no public amenities and thus residents would be heavily reliant on cars, with some households potentially having two vehicles, further adding to congestion and impact on the local environment. Public transport in the area is limited, making sustainable travel options impractical and further reinforcing car dependency.

The local infant and primary school is small and does not have the capacity to accommodate an influx of new families, putting additional strain on already limited resources.