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Sent: 24 July 2026 22:55
To: DC Admin
Subject: Objection to planning of houses in Birds Edge Village ref:2025/60/91494/E

I am totally opposed to the proposal for 70 new dwellings in the designated Green Belt of Birds Edge Village.

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My objections are as follows:

Kirklees Council have already deemed the area under threat as possessing “no exceptional circumstances to justify the removal of this site...from the green belt.”

The local infrastructure in terms of schools, doctors surgeries, dentists is insufficient.

Public transport links to the village are minimal and the massive increase of 40% in homes in Birds Edge will have a seriously detrimental impact on the local roads. This proposal would result an estimated 90-140 additional cars in this small community.

The proposed new houses would ruin the rural nature of the neighbourhood.

This proposal has been submitted prior to the finalised local plan and undermines the plan led system, setting an unacceptable precedent for disregarding current procedures.

Yorkshire Water are not supporting the proposed development. This can be taken very seriously as a considerable risk to the local environment, as they already have an atrocious record for contamination of local watercourses. The issue of 70 new houses has not been factored in to the existing budget for extending the infrastructure to accommodate such a huge increase in demand.

I fail to see how the declaration of “Climate Emergency” by Kirklees Council in recent years is in any way compatible with the unnecessary and irreversible destruction of open countryside. There is a Brownfield First policy for new-builds and Kirklees has the capacity for over 7000 properties on existing sites that fall into this category.

In summary, I wish to object to this inexcusable proposal to destroy designated Green Belt land.

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