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Sent: 26 July 2026 19:22
To: DC Admin
Subject: 2026/91494 objection

Dear Planning Department,

I am writing to formally and strongly object to the major planning application detailed below:

Application Reference: 2026/91494

Site Address: Land off Penistone Road (A629), Birdsedge, Huddersfield, HD8 8XP

Proposal: Outline application for residential development, including associated infrastructure works (all matters reserved except means of access into the site from Penistone Road)

Developer/Applicant: Yorkshire Land Limited

Agent: Johnson Mowat

As a local resident living at 5 Moor Fold, New Mill, approximately 3.4 miles from the proposed site, I am deeply concerned about the unsustainable impact this greenfield development will have on our already overstretched services and highway network. My objections are based on the following material planning considerations:

Highway Safety and Accident History on the A629

The application seeks approval for a new access directly onto Penistone Road (A629). This section of the road has a well-documented history of multiple traffic accidents. Introducing a high-volume residential junction onto a fast-moving commuter route where collisions already occur frequently will significantly compromise highway safety and increase the risk of further serious accidents.

Substandard Living Conditions for Future Residents

The indicative layout places new residential properties immediately adjacent to a major, high-speed road. This would expose future occupants to unacceptable levels of traffic noise, vibration, and poor air quality caused by vehicle emissions. Constructing homes directly alongside the busy A629 fails to provide the high standard of residential amenity that should reasonably be expected.

Severe Shortage of Healthcare Infrastructure

Primary healthcare services throughout the HD8 area are already operating beyond capacity and are unable to accommodate further population growth. Essential services, including local NHS dental practices, are completely full. My own family has been unable to access adequate local NHS dental care because of this ongoing shortage. Approving additional housing without first securing appropriate healthcare infrastructure would place even greater pressure on already overstretched services and significantly undermine community wellbeing.

Loss of Greenfield Land and Harm to Rural Character

The site is bordered by agricultural land to the east and existing residential properties to the south. This proposal represents an unnecessary encroachment into the countryside, resulting in the permanent loss of valuable greenfield land. It would harm local biodiversity, erode the rural character of Birdsedge, and further urbanise an area that currently forms an important part of the local landscape.

Cumulative Pressure on Local Infrastructure and Amenities

Local schools, public transport services, and the wider infrastructure serving this rural part of Huddersfield are already under considerable strain. They are not equipped to sustainably accommodate the additional demands created by an estimated 280 new residents, based on approximately 70 family households. The cumulative impact on local services has not been adequately addressed.

For all of the reasons set out above, I respectfully urge Kirklees Council to refuse this outline planning application.

Please acknowledge receipt of this formal objection and keep me informed of any future planning committee meetings or decisions relating to this application.

Yours sincerely,

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