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Location: Land off Penistone Road, Birdsedge, HD8 8XP
Development: Outline application for residential dwellings

Dear Case Officer,

I am writing to lodge a formal objection regarding the outline planning proposal on land off Penistone Road (Ref: 2026/60/91494/E). I strongly believe this development is wholly inappropriate for the village and should be rejected.

Please consider the following material grounds for refusal:

1. Critical Lack of Sewer Infrastructure and Capacity

The existing village wastewater and foul sewerage network does not have the capacity to sustain a housing development of this size. Critically, this specific site is not allocated for housing within the current Kirklees Local Plan. Because it sits entirely outside the council's strategic plan, Yorkshire Water has no funding or upgrade schemes scheduled to improve the infrastructure here. Approving this site would place an immediate, unmanaged burden on a failing system, drastically escalating the risk of localised sewer blockages and environmental pollution.

2. Dangerous Traffic Conditions on A629

Accessing the proposed site via Penistone Road introduces severe safety vulnerabilities. The A629 is an established high-speed thoroughfare prone to serious accidents, particularly where it interfaces near the Sovereign crossroads. Forcing an influx of commuter vehicles to join this fast-moving traffic flow daily is an unacceptable risk to highway safety, visibility, and pedestrian movements.

3. **Failure of Community Infrastructure**

Birdsedge functions with highly limited community services. Local healthcare provisions and the village primary school are already operating at threshold capacity. This unallocated influx of new homes will inevitably overwhelm local public services, which have no systemic room to expand.

4. **Environmental Damage and Flooding Risks**

Developing this greenfield land directly removes a crucial ecological barrier and local wildlife habitat. Furthermore, replacing natural fields with extensive tarmac and concrete will severely interrupt the area's natural drainage patterns. This displacement of surface water runoff poses a direct flooding threat to the surrounding homes and local highway network.

This development is unsustainable and actively contradicts policy guidelines intended to preserve village infrastructure and safety. I ask that Kirklees Council acts to protect Birdsedge by refusing this application.

Yours faithfully,