

Dear Kirklees council

I wish to formally object to the planning application 2026/60/91494/E Land off Penistone Road, Birds edge, Huddersfield, HD8 8XP.

The land is farmed agricultural green belt and there are no valid reasons in which the lands greenbelt status should be removed, such a large development would destroy the character of Birds edge which is a beautiful quaint little greenbelt settlement that is steeped in history and significance. This development of such a disproportionate new build development would turn Birds edge from the quaint little settlement with a rich history of farming and textile industry into just a generic new build estate as such a large development will be so overpowering for such a small settlement.

As an elderly, disabled person who also suffers from COPD I feel that this development has not taken into account the harm this will do to the public war memorial garden which is located opposite the proposed development, my grandchildren and great grandchildren live in Birds edge, and we frequently sit in the memorial garden public benches which overlook the open countryside and enjoy the open countryside views from the public benches, due to my age, disabilities and health conditions I cannot walk into the countryside so being able to sit on the public benches with my great grandchild and watch the tractors in the field with him, marvel at the grade 2 listed Emley moor mast, marvel at the grade 2 listed mill, and the 17th century farmhouse, and just marvel at the fantastic far reaching views means the world to myself and many other elderly and disabled people just like me who also use these benches as an escape to enjoy the countryside and as a meeting point for many lonely elderly residents where we can chat and talk to other people, should this development go ahead this cherished green space would be destroyed, nobody will want to sit in the memorial garden and look at a new build housing/ high fences, it will no longer be a place where people go to enjoy, where elderly people sit and chat to each other, it will harm such a lovely green space that is accessible to disabled people.

If this development is approved the quality green space of the Birds edge memorial gardens and the gardens viewing benches will be ruined as we will no longer be able to marvel at the fantastic countryside as it will all be blocked out by a newbuild development, it is like the council has no regard for disabled people, we cannot simply just walk into the countryside to enjoy it, so sitting on the memorial garden benches

which overlook the fantastic views of the countryside with our great grandchildren and enjoy the countryside views and fresh air means the world to us, It would be a great travesty for this development to be permitted as the harm to Birds edge and its character will completely destroy Birds edge as we know it.

Kind Regards,