

Address: 5, Church Lane, Huddersfield, HD8 9LY

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:	

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The proposed development would rely upon a single access. A development of 70 dwellings would inevitably result in a substantial increase in movements entering and leaving the site and joining the A629. Using an indicative average of approximately 1.7 vehicles per household, 70 dwellings could result in approximately 119 vehicles associated with the development. This is before taking account of visitors, deliveries, service vehicles, taxis, tradespeople and other traffic. I understand that the current proposals do not appear to provide for the installation of a zebra crossing, signal-controlled crossing or other substantial pedestrian safety measures to reach the school by foot. The safety of pedestrians should therefore be a fundamental consideration. The addition of 70 dwellings would therefore represent an increase of approximately 40% in the number of dwellings within the settlement. Such an increase cannot reasonably be regarded as a modest extension to the existing community. It would constitute a substantial expansion and would fundamentally alter the scale, character and nature of the village. During conversations with local residents, I have also been made aware of a brownfield site within the village which may have potential to accommodate approximately 30–40 dwellings. In particular, the existence of a potentially suitable brownfield opportunity should be considered before permitting a significantly larger development which would result in substantial expansion of the village and loss of agricultural land. The proposed development would also create additional demand upon local education	

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There are no medical facilities within the village, no dental facilities, no local food store or supermarket, and only limited public transport provision.

The lack of essential local services means that residents of a development of this scale would inevitably need to travel outside the village for many everyday requirements, including shopping, etc.

I fully recognise the need for new housing and the importance of delivering appropriate development.

However, new housing must be located in places where it can be appropriately accommodated and where the necessary infrastructure, services and transport connections exist to support it.

For the reasons set out above, I respectfully request that Kirklees Council refuse this planning application.

Denby Dale Ward.