

About the application

Application number: 2026/91627	
What is the application for?:	Erection of 22 dwellings (Use Class C3) associated development including access,
Address of the site or building:	Land at, Dunford Road, Hade Edge, Holmfirth, HD9 2RT
Postcode:	BD19 5LQ

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This response relates to both of the current housing development applications on Dunford Road. The views of many members of the local community that these two developments, sitting to either side of the previously completed 60 dwelling Jones Homes estate, combine to have a significant visual, social and psychological impact on this village, seem to me to be valid. That said, I do not expect this to be legitimate grounds for objection. However, I do believe that the comments made by members of the community in respect of the supporting infrastructure must be taken seriously. The problem of frequent power cuts for the village and the consequent water supply disruptions are well known and, whilst the energy suppliers are saying they are in the process of resolving this, the addition of a further 39 dwellings will exacerbate the issue. I have seen that the developers are acknowledging this, but would hope to see the resolution as being a condition of the planning application progress.

My other particular concern relates to local transport provision and connectivity. The supporting information provided within the application is, in my opinion, disingenuous. Reference to the range accessible by bicycle fails to sufficiently disclose the topography of the location and the challenge that this would present to all but the most able cyclists. Similarly, reference to the nearest stop for the 310 Holme Valley Connection bus route being 2 km away needs to acknowledge the steep walk involved in this. The provided Transport Assessment correctly identifies that the public minibus services that do operate through Hade Edge provide a very limited service, particularly outside weekday day times. As per the long waged local and, so far, unsuccessful campaign to have the hourly 310 service routed through Hade Edge, this would significantly address this issue. I would contend that this is an opportunity for Kirklees, as a member authority of WYCA, to press the case for that change to the 310 bus route.

Further to the above argument for an improved bus service, I would like to pursue a more relevant S106 contribution to mitigate the impact of the developments. It appears that the proposal from the developers is to contribute towards improvements in the existing public open space (presumably the Rec and play areas). I would question the value to the community of such an improvement, where the issue is more about its maintenance, and suspect that this would not genuinely be spent on the stated facility. In my opinion, the need for supplementary public transport services is more pressing and I would welcome a negotiation that involves the wishes of the community to look at this question.