About the application

Application number: 2026/91638	
What is the application for?:	Demolition of existing clubhouse and erection of new clubhouse, ancillary works
Address of the site or building:	Amateur Rugby League Clubhouse, Newsome Panthers JARLFC, Hall Bower Lane, Newsome, Huddersfield, HD4 6RN
Postcode:	HD4 6QZ

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I have concerns about the traffic and parking impacts of this development.

Hall Bower Lane is already struggling to cope at busy times. The Transport Statement says 55 parking spaces should be enough, but anyone who lives nearby knows that parking is already a problem, especially for open age rugby games and social events. The report admits there is no data on parking demand for open age match days, so I don't understand how it can confidently say 55 spaces will be sufficient.

The biggest issues aren't junior teams. There are fewer junior teams than there used to be. The real parking problems happen during open age games, particularly when rugby and cricket are both on. On those days cars end up parked all along Hall Bower Lane and the surrounding area because there simply isn't enough room on site.

My concern is that the application looks at the development mainly as a rugby facility, when in reality it is becoming much more than that. The proposed clubhouse includes a bar, social space and meeting rooms, which will allow a much wider range of activities to take place.

The club already hosts events that generate significant traffic, such as the bonfire event, car boot sales and the Panthers Festival, which is advertised as a music festival with bars and live bands. It seems reasonable to expect that improved facilities will encourage even more events of this type in the future.

There also appears to be very little consideration of the cumulative impact of rugby, cricket, social events and community activities all taking place at the same site. The report focusses on match days and training sessions, but doesn't really address the additional traffic from community events, meetings, functions and special events.

Hall Bower Lane is a narrow road and when parking spills out onto it, access becomes difficult and it can create safety issues for residents, pedestrians and other road users.

I would ask the Council to look very carefully at whether 55 parking spaces are genuinely enough, and whether the Transport Statement properly reflects how the site is actually used now and how it may be used in the future.