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**Subject:** Objection to Planning Application 2026/60/91785/W

Objection to Planning Application 2026/60/91785/W, Land Adjacent to 161 Reinwood Road, Quarmby, Huddersfield

Dear Sir/Madam,

My concern is not simply about the loss of one field. It is about the gradual urbanisation of an area that has already seen significant change over the years. Each time a piece of green space is lost, it may seem insignificant in isolation, but the cumulative impact is substantial. The countryside and natural areas around our community are steadily shrinking, whilst housing and infrastructure continue to expand.

The application site forms part of a wider green landscape that connects the playing fields, woodland and open areas used daily by residents. It provides an important sense of space and separation from the built environment. When walking through the recreation ground or along the woodland edges, the openness of this land is part of what makes the area feel different from the surrounding housing estates. Once houses are built on this site, that character will be permanently changed.

The area is also rich in wildlife. Residents regularly see birds, bats, hedgehogs and other wildlife using the fields and woodland. The site may not be a formal nature reserve, but it is part of a wider network of habitats that allow wildlife to survive alongside the local community. As green spaces become fragmented and reduced in size, wildlife has fewer places to feed, shelter and move between habitats.

What concerns me most is that these losses are rarely recovered. New planting and landscaped areas cannot replace established green spaces that have developed naturally over many years. Once development begins, the wildlife, openness and tranquillity that currently exist are lost forever.

The site also provides wider benefits that cannot easily be measured. It gives local people somewhere attractive to walk, exercise and enjoy nature close to home. For children, it offers the opportunity to experience wildlife and the outdoors. For many residents, especially older and young people, access to nearby green space is an important part of their wellbeing.

This development would provide only five houses, yet the impact on the local environment would be permanent. The benefit is limited, but the harm would be felt by current residents and future generations who will inherit a more built-up and less natural community.

There must come a point where protected green spaces are genuinely protected. If land designated as Urban Green Space can be developed despite its contribution to the character of the area, its value to residents and its role in supporting wildlife, then those protections become increasingly meaningless.

I respectfully ask the Council to refuse this application and preserve this important green space for the benefit of the community, local wildlife and future generations.