

About the application

Application number: 2026/91969	
What is the application for?:	Erection of 6 dwellings, with associated access, landscaping, infrastructure and
Address of the site or building:	land off, Fenay Lane, Almondbury, Huddersfield, HD5 8UJ
Postcode:	

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
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Dear Sir/Madam, Re: Objection to Planning Application 2026/91969 – Erection of six dwellings on land north of Fenay Lane, Almondbury I am writing as a local resident to formally object to the above application. I set out my concerns below, grouped by planning ground. 1. Highway Safety and Traffic Impact The local road network around Fenay Lane already struggles to cope with existing traffic volumes. Adding further vehicle movements from this development would place additional strain on roads that residents already find congested and difficult to use. I am particularly concerned about the junction at the end of Fenay Lane. Local residents have long regarded this junction as hazardous, and its safety record is a matter of ongoing concern. Introducing more traffic here, especially when combined with other developments proposed or approved nearby, would heighten the risk to drivers, pedestrians and cyclists alike. The application appears to assess the traffic impact of these six dwellings in isolation, rather than as part of the wider pattern of development in the area. I do not believe this gives an accurate picture of the true impact, and I would ask the Council to consider the cumulative effect of all recent and proposed schemes nearby. 2. Cumulative Impact of Other Nearby Developments This application cannot reasonably be assessed on its own. I understand that a further housing development is proposed at the far end of Fenay Lane, and that significant residential building work is already under way on Penistone Road, close to this site. Individually, each of these schemes might seem modest in scale. Taken together, however, they represent a substantial increase in housing in a small area, with a corresponding rise in traffic, demand for local services, and pressure on infrastructure. I do not believe this application adequately addresses that cumulative impact. 3. Pressure on Local Healthcare Services Local GP practices are already stretched, and many residents find it difficult to secure appointments or access routine care in reasonable time. Further housing in the area will only add to that demand. I have seen nothing in this application to demonstrate that local healthcare services have the capacity to absorb the additional population this and other nearby developments will bring.	

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4. Pressure on Local School Places

Primary and secondary schools in the area are already close to, or at, capacity. This proposal includes six four-bedroom houses, which are likely to attract families and increase demand for school places locally.

The application does not set out how the resulting educational need would be met, nor does it demonstrate that sufficient places exist in local schools to accommodate it.

5. Loss of Greenfield Land

The site is currently open agricultural land, contributing both to the rural character of this part of Almondbury and to its ecological value. Continued piecemeal development of greenfield sites is steadily eroding the character of the area and reducing the green space available to residents and wildlife alike.

I would ask that the Council consider whether suitable brownfield alternatives exist before further open countryside is lost to development of this kind.

Conclusion

For the reasons set out above — highway safety, the cumulative impact of multiple developments in the immediate area, pressure on local healthcare and school provision, and the loss of greenfield land — I respectfully ask Kirklees Council to refuse this application.