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Application number: 2026/92441	
What is the application for?:	Formation of accessible, 755m long path for walking, wheeling and cycling primar
Address of the site or building:	Disused Railway Embankment, off Crosland Factory Lane to Fold Farm Lane, Netherton, Huddersfield, HD4 7FB
Postcode:	HD4 7FB

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1. Impact on residential amenity (privacy, noise, disturbance) The route runs directly adjacent to residential properties. Even modest footfall introduces: Loss of privacy from users passing close to windows and garden boundaries Noise and disturbance, particularly during early mornings, evenings, or school holiday periods Residential amenity — including privacy, overlooking, noise and general disturbance — is a recognised material planning consideration. 2. Character of the area This part of the neighbourhood is currently quiet, low traffic, and not used as a public thoroughfare. Introducing a formalised walking route would materially alter the established character of the area. Planning policy requires developments to respect and maintain local character. 3. Highway safety and parking pressure The proposal does not address how visitors will access the route. There is no available parking in the immediate vicinity, and nearby streets already operate at capacity. Likely consequences include: Informal or obstructive parking Reduced visibility at junctions Increased traffic movements on residential roads not designed for additional demand Highway safety and parking displacement are material planning matters. 4. Effect on the landscape and natural environment	

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The proposal may affect existing trees, hedgerows, and wildlife corridors. Without a clear maintenance or ecological plan, there is risk of:

Habitat disturbance

Loss of screening vegetation

Increased littering and dog fouling impacting the natural environment

Impact on trees, landscape and ecological value is a valid planning consideration.

5. Littering and dog fouling (amenity and environmental impact)

Public routes require ongoing management. The application does not demonstrate:

How littering will be prevented or managed

How dog fouling will be monitored or enforced

Who is responsible for ongoing maintenance

Littering and dog fouling affect residential amenity, environmental quality, and the usability of neighbouring land — all material considerations.

6. Anti social behaviour risk (when linked to design and amenity)

While “fear of crime” alone is not a material consideration, designing out crime is recognised in planning policy. The proposed route lacks:

Natural surveillance

Lighting strategy

Clear management arrangements

This creates conditions where groups — including children and teenagers — may congregate, leading to noise, disturbance, and anti social behaviour. These impacts relate directly to amenity and layout, making them material.

7. Design, appearance and layout

The application does not demonstrate:

How the route will be screened from neighbouring properties

How lighting (if proposed) will avoid glare or light spill

How surfacing, fencing or signage will integrate with the existing residential environment

Design and layout are material planning considerations.

8. Conflict with planning policy

Based on the above, the proposal appears to conflict with policies relating to:

Protection of residential amenity

Maintaining local character

Ensuring safe and suitable access

Protecting landscape features

Providing adequate management and mitigation measures

Closing statement

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the council refuse the application or require significant amendments and mitigation measures to address the identified planning harms.