

About the application

Application number: 2026/62/92769/E	
What is the application for?:	Erection of 67 dwellings
Address of the site or building:	East of, Hunsworth Lane, East Bierley, BD4 6RL
Postcode:	LS11 8LZ

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	Yes
I am writing to formally object to the proposal to build 67 affordable homes in our small village. I fully understand the importance of providing affordable housing and the need for suitable homes for local people. However, I believe that a development of this size is completely disproportionate to the scale and character of our village and would place considerable pressure on already stretched local services and infrastructure. One of my greatest concerns is the impact on our village school. We have just one small village primary school, which is already full. Adding potentially 67 new homes could result in a significant increase in the number of children needing school places. There does not appear to be sufficient capacity within the village to accommodate this additional demand, and I am concerned that the development could place an unacceptable strain on the school and the education available to existing village families. Traffic through the village is already a serious concern. The roads are frequently busy, particularly during peak times, and existing congestion can make it difficult for residents, visitors and local businesses to move through the village safely and efficiently. A development of 67 homes would inevitably increase the number of vehicles using these roads, adding to congestion and potentially creating further safety risks for pedestrians, cyclists and other road users. Parking is also already limited in the village. Existing residents and visitors can find it difficult to park, particularly near the school and other local facilities. The additional demand for parking generated by 67 new homes could lead to more vehicles being parked on roads and pavements, obstructing access and making already narrow or busy roads even more difficult to use. It is important that the impact on existing parking provision is fully assessed before any decision is made. I am also deeply concerned about the effect this development would have on the character of our village. The appeal of living here is the small-scale, close-knit community and the sense of a traditional village rather than a large residential settlement. Adding 67 houses in one development would substantially increase the	

settlement. Adding 67 houses in one development would substantially increase the size of the village and could fundamentally change its character.

The village has developed over many years at a relatively modest scale. A development of this size risks making the village feel more like a housing estate or an extension of a larger town, rather than the small rural community that residents value. The sense of community, open spaces, quiet surroundings and village identity could all be affected.

There are also wider concerns about whether the existing infrastructure can cope with such a significant increase in population. Roads, traffic, drainage, parking and other local services must all be considered carefully. Increasing the population by such a large amount without ensuring that the necessary infrastructure is in place would, in my view, be unfair to both existing residents and the people who would eventually live in the new homes.

I would therefore ask the planning authority to carefully consider whether this proposal is genuinely appropriate for the scale and capacity of our village. Affordable housing is important, but it should not come at the expense of an existing community or be delivered in a way that overwhelms the services, roads, parking and infrastructure on which that community depends.

I respectfully request that the application for 67 homes be refused, or at the very least substantially reconsidered and reduced to a scale that is appropriate for the village and can be properly supported by local services.

This development will completely ruin the village.

Thank you for taking my objections into consideration.