

About the application

Application number: 2026/92769	
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	
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I strongly object to the proposed housing development in the village, and I believe there are a number of significant concerns that should be carefully considered before this planning application is approved. While the proposed homes may be described as “affordable”, I have serious concerns about the wider impact that an additional 67 houses would have on the village. The development would result in the loss of further green land and place additional pressure on existing infrastructure, particularly the roads and local schools. The local primary school is a relatively small school with limited capacity. I have concerns that there are simply not enough places available to accommodate the additional children who could come from 67 new households. The impact on school places and existing families in the village should be properly assessed before any decision is made. There are also significant concerns regarding traffic and road safety. The road near the rugby field already becomes extremely busy, particularly when rugby matches finish. This can result in congestion and, at times, accidents. Adding traffic from a further 67 households could significantly worsen this situation. Assuming even one vehicle per household would mean a substantial increase in traffic, and in reality many families have more than one car. This is particularly concerning given the proximity of the road to the children’s park and playing fields. Increasing the volume of traffic in this area could create additional risks for children and other pedestrians. The local school is also situated close to the proposed development. During school drop-off and pick-up times, the roads through the village can already become very busy, with a large number of vehicles travelling through the village to access Tong Street. At these particularly busy times, the existing traffic can already present safety concerns for children and families. Adding a significant number of additional vehicles could increase the risk of accidents and make an already difficult situation considerably worse.	

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I also question whether this scale of development is appropriate for the character and needs of the village. The village has its own distinct character and identity, and I do not believe that adding a further 67 houses is necessary or appropriate. There is a significant difference between providing a small amount of appropriate development and fundamentally changing the character of a village by creating what could effectively become an estate.

I therefore ask that the planning application is carefully reconsidered, taking into account the loss of green space, the limited capacity of local schools, the existing traffic problems, road safety concerns and the potential impact on the character of the village.

In my view, the existing infrastructure is not sufficient to support a development of this size, and I do not believe the proposed development is in the best interests of the village or its existing residents.