

Address: 62-64, South View Road, Bradford, BD4 6PJ

### About the application

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| Application number: 2026/92769   |                                                |
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| 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

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I strongly object to this application due to serious concerns regarding highway safety, the scale of development, environmental damage, the impact on East Bierley Conservation Area and pressure on local infrastructure.

**Traffic and road safety:** The proposed 67 homes will increase traffic on Hunsworth Lane and surrounding village roads. I am particularly concerned about pedestrian safety, schoolchildren, existing congestion and vehicles accessing the community sports facilities. The Transport Assessment relies partly on 2011 travel data and focuses its junction-capacity modelling on the proposed site access. I request a more comprehensive assessment of the wider road network, including school-time traffic and pedestrian safety.

**Excessive scale and density:** The Local Plan identifies an indicative capacity of 59 homes, while the previous Rouse Homes proposal was for 46. The proposed 67 dwellings represent a substantial increase. I question whether this density is appropriate for a village of East Bierley's size and character, and whether sufficient space remains for landscaping, parking and wildlife.

**Conservation Area and village character:** East Bierley's rural setting, historic character and surrounding countryside are important features of the village. The development risks harming important views, the village's appearance and the setting of its Conservation Area. The Council must ensure that the scale, design and layout respect the existing village.

**Wildlife and environment:** Developing this land will permanently alter existing habitats and open space. I request rigorous scrutiny of the ecological surveys, biodiversity net gain calculations and proposed mitigation. Drainage and surface-water runoff must also be properly assessed.

**Parking and infrastructure:** I am concerned that no dedicated visitor parking is proposed, potentially resulting in obstructive parking. The additional households will also increase pressure on local schools, GP services, roads and recreational facilities. Appropriate infrastructure assessments and mitigation must be secured.

While I recognise the need for affordable housing, this does not remove the requirement for development to be safe, environmentally responsible and appropriate for its location.

The Council must consider the combined impact of these issues rather than assessing each in isolation.

I therefore strongly urge Kirklees Council to refuse planning permission in its current form.