

Address: 7, Sherburn Grove, Bradford, BD11 2JH

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	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	No

I wish to formally object to the proposed development of 67 homes on Hunsworth Lane. I have serious concerns about the impact this development would have on East Bierley's character, environment, road safety and local infrastructure.

Village Character and Conservation Area

East Bierley is a historic village with a distinctive rural setting. Its countryside views, green spaces and traditional character should be protected. A development of this scale and density risks permanently changing the village's appearance and harming the setting of its Conservation Area.

Local Infrastructure

An additional 67 households will increase demand for schools, GP services, public transport and recreational facilities. I am concerned that the existing infrastructure may struggle to accommodate this growth without appropriate improvements. The Council should establish whether sufficient capacity exists before approving the application.

Environmental Impact

Developing this land will permanently alter existing habitats and open space. I am concerned about the impact on wildlife, biodiversity and surface-water drainage. The developer must demonstrate that environmental damage will be minimised and that any proposed mitigation will be effective and maintained long-term.

Traffic and Road Safety

Hunsworth Lane and surrounding village roads are already used by residents, schoolchildren, pedestrians and visitors to the community sports facilities. The additional traffic generated by 67 homes could increase congestion and create safety risks.

The Transport Assessment relies partly on outdated travel data and does not provide detailed capacity modelling for all surrounding junctions. I am also concerned about the absence of dedicated visitor parking, which could lead to obstructive parking and reduced visibility.

A more comprehensive assessment of traffic, pedestrian safety and school-time conditions is needed.

Scale of Development

The proposal exceeds the Local Plan's indicative capacity of 59 dwellings and represents a substantial increase over the previous 46-home proposal. The developer should provide clear justification for this increased density and demonstrate that it will not adversely affect the surrounding village.

While I recognise the importance of affordable housing, this should not come at the expense of highway safety, environmental protection or the established character of East Bierley.

I therefore strongly urge Kirklees Council to refuse planning permission for application 2026/92769 in its current form.