

HOUSE, BIRDCAGE LANE (AREA 3)

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I travel up and down Birdcage Lane and Birdcage Hill quite a lot. It's my best *rat-run* to Wakefield Road and then Sowerby Bridge. And back. Birdcage Hill is very steep, narrow and has a couple of bends in it.

But where the Hill and the Lane meet, the road changes in character. The bendy becomes straight, the narrow becomes wide, the incline flattens and the woods surrounding the hill suddenly stop: they are replaced by buildings on both sides of the road.

The change happens exactly where this new house is situated. It's a noticeable marker that you see coming at the top of the hill. All the more so, because it stands proud of any other buildings in the vicinity due to the very light colour of its wood, and also because of its modern design.

I probably wouldn't give anyone directions using this landmark, but it's a reassuring punctuation point on my journeys.

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