About the application

Application number: 2019/90190	
What is the application for?:	Erection of 3 dwellings (within a Conservation Area)
Address of the site or building:	adj, 1, Lowgate, Kirkburton, Huddersfield, HD8 0SE
Postcode:	HD8 0SE

User comments

Type of comment: An objection

I wish to object to this application on the grounds of housing density, traffic volume and the design of the proposed houses.

In my view the site is too small for three houses of this size. Perhaps two starter homes might be feasible, but two four-bedroomed and a three-bedroomed house are too much for this small site.

Low Gate and Low Town are narrow roads which already have a high volume of traffic. Three additional houses would only add to the volume of traffic. Manoeuvring cars in and out of the three new driveways would slow down the traffic and present a new hazard to pedestrians. There is already insufficient parking capacity in Kirkburton. These three additional houses would only increase pressure on the parking that is available in the centre of the village. The pressure on parking space is likely to come from both visitors to the new houses and from the residents themselves. The plans include garages and some off-street parking places but these seem very small. Also, experience tells us that few people actually keep their cars in garages. This is likely to add to the pressure for parking places on the street.

I do not think the proposed designs are appropriate for the Kirkburton Conservation Area. I particularly deplore the sitting areas above the garages with the glass barriers and the proposed use of black stone. Neither is in keeping with the historic village centre.