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 formally object to the proposed development, construction of 3 houses at the junction of Low Gate and Low Town.

The site is in a conservation area and will have a negative impact on the locality. The development will spoil the aesthetic of the area, it will spoil the historic character and will spoil the view from the historic centre of the village across to the church.

The current site until recently had good tree cover and was a pleasant green space with habitat for small mamals and birds, in particular with nesting Tawny Owls, and visiting Barn Owls. The recent unnecessary felling of trees went beyond the permissions applied for and granted, with more tree stems with a diameter of 75mm being cut than shown on the drawings and plans, therefore not complying with the requirements of the conservation area.

The construction of houses on this site will result in a net loss to the environment as there will not be enough available space left to plant replacement trees, the ability of the land to absorb rainwater will be massively reduced, the increased volume of run off water will cause more frequent flooding of the stream having a negative effect on local households and the infrastructure.

Parking of vehicles in this area is already a serious problem for 6 days of the week. This development does not give enough space for vehicles to be parked and will further add to the problem.

Access and egress from the proposed property driveways will be on a blind road corner, and without space to turn around will result in vehicles reversing onto the road on a blind corner. This is not safe and does not meet the published standard for sightlines. This proposal is dangerous to road users.

The construction of the houses will result in the windows overlooking others being within 21 mtr. of nearby houses.

The height of the proposed houses will significantly reduce the light to the existing historic properties that have small traditional windows.

The style of the construction is not in keeping with the surrounding conservation area and does not make a positive contribution to the area. The houses will stand out for all the wrong reasons.

I urge the decision makers to help maintain the charachter of the local community and integrity of the conservation area, to promote the environment, to not add to parking and road safety issues and to refuse this application.