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
Flooding is a real concern. this is most definitely not hearsay as mentioned by a previous commenter. Soak away areas from this development and the developments further up Low Town and Riley Park will put more surface water and more pressure on the existing culvert and increase flood risk. The Environmental Permitting Regulations 2016 require a permit to be obtained from the Environment Agency for any activities that will take place within 16m of a culvert. This permit has not yet been posted on the Consultation Responses so I take it that this has not been granted. The development cannot legally go ahead without this. The proposed development at Riley Park is subject to this condition and so should this development be. If this permit has been granted please can this be posted with the other Consultation Responses. In the recent heavy rain the stream to which the culvert opens out into has been full to near capacity showing that it cannot take more surface water. This has been observed on a number of days. Flooding will potential affect a number of properties on Low Town and could also extend to the wider village as is did in 2007 where a number of properties and businesses were seriously affected. The sewer drain has also recently failed causing untreated sewage and waste water to flow down Low Gate into the surface water drains and then into the stream. This shows that the sewerage drainage system is struggling to cope with demand and to add additional houses to this will only make the situation worse. My understanding is that the current sewerage system is old possibly Victorian and was not designed to cope with this level of demand. Is this going to be upgraded to prevent this from occurring again? Local watercourses must not be put at risk of pollution from untreated sewage and waste water.