

About the application

Application number: 2019/91836	
What is the application for?:	Erection of 34 dwellings
Address of the site or building:	Land adjacent to Inkerman Court, Barnsley Road, Denby Dale, Huddersfield, HD8 8XA
Postcode:	HD9 3JH

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1. Drainage: The Flood Risk Assessment appears to understate the potential flood risk in 2 important aspects.

1.1. The land slopes towards the beck to the west of the site.

At present, our patio floods badly after very heavy rain as water runs off the hill, the water is not being absorbed sufficiently by the field above our garden, and that would not happen if the slope took the water towards the beck. If that field is substantially covered in concrete the water run-off into our garden will be seriously exacerbated with a likely scenario that the house itself will be flooded.

1.2 Any possible problem would be a hundred year event.

Climate change means the "hundred years" is no longer the case. Over the past 10 years the flooding referred to in 1.1 has occurred 5 or 6 times!

2. Local Infrastructure: Insufficient notice is being taken of the impact that 34 and later even more houses, according to the Local Plan, will have.

2.1. Schools.

The development at Bromley Park has already meant that children from estates such as Inkerman Way and Kenyon Bank have been unable to get places at the local primary, Giltwaite, and the current development of 29 houses at Wood Nook will further exacerbate this problem. To add another 34 houses, with more to come, will probably mean unacceptably long journeys or the need to expand Giltwaite with the infrastructure and associated cost that that will involve.

2.2 Roads.

Everyone leaving the site will need access on to the A635, already a fast and busy road. Many are likely to work in Wakefield or Leeds. To get there the obvious route would be A635 to Miller Hill and A636. The turn from the A635 to Miller Hill is acute and dangerous. The junction with the A636 is already a bottleneck at peak times with the A636 a very busy road. Add to this 'school run' vehicles and there could be serious congestion. The danger of the turn from Miller Hill on to the A635 on return journeys would be even more acute. In addition, many local roads already suffer surface damage and the additional vehicles will put further strain on an already tight maintenance budget.

2.3 Parking.

There is a severe shortage of available parking in the village. People who could walk don't and that won't change, especially when wet or to accommodate returning 'school run' traffic.

2.4 Doctor and Dental Practices.

Skelmanthorpe Surgery has problems recruiting doctors and getting an appointment is difficult. This proposed development together with Wood Nook and various other developments in the Skelmanthorpe area is likely to cause a crisis. Getting a NHS dentist is nearly impossible; where will people go? Both of these issues will mean yet more car journeys in the area.