

Address: Merchant Fields Bungalow Kilroyd Drive Cleckheaton bd194ea

About the application

Application number: 2019/62/93303/E	
What is the application for?:	Erection of 267 dwellings with associated works and access from Hunsworth Lane a
Address of the site or building:	Merchants Field Farm, Hunsworth Lane, Cleckheaton, BD19 4EJ
Postcode:	

User comments

Type of comment: An objection
This is the third objection to this proposed development and I hope this time the planning authority listen too and try and to understand the residents fears to it's development. Adam and his team cannot look at this development in isolation, they must take into account all the other developments both large and small which have taken place since this one was first muted. In the past 18 months there are in excess of 500 homes that have or are being built within a 2 mile radius of this development. Then take into account this and the other major developments being submitted and a further 600 homes are being added, then there are the numerous other sites being prepared for building applications and very shortly there will be in excess of over 1500 new homes being built within a 2 mile radius of this development without any increase in infrastructure i.e. roads, school, medical and dental facilities etc. Therefore this and other developments in this area can no longer be just "rubber stamped" for approval but must be looked at as a whole and on the impact they will have. To date residents have only had one piece of communications from Harron homes, a map. For those who replied to it received neither an acknowledgement or reply. Communications with Harron homes seems to be a big black hole. Looking a he KC highways response they assume that traffic will be split 50/50 between the two access points! Why would 200 plus vehicles go via Hunsworth lane when the traffic lights at either end are designed to speed traffic from Chain Bar to Cleckheaton and Birkenshaw/Gomersal/Morley etc. The vast majority of the traffic will go via Kilroyd drive which is at present a cul de sac and was never designed to carry hundreds more vehicles as proposed by KC Highways. How many vehicles will it take coming from Chain Bar and waiting to turn right into Kilroyd Drive before nearby junctions are effected. Does this mean that Kilroyd drive will be designated to a higher category road! Also what measures are being put in place to prevent the route through the development becoming a short cut from Bradford Rd to the A58. Rumour indicate that KC Highways believe an "access only" sign will prevent this! Will this suggestion be put to West Yorkshire Police for comment and evaluation and to include budgets they will be putting towards this as they will have to enforce it

Also KC Highways do not seem to have taken into account any other development in this vicinity and their impact on local roads.

18 months ago the site was submitted to a two week cut and burn policy where over 80 mature trees were cut down and burnt including hedgerows and bushes. The new plan submitted by Harron homes also seems to include the removal of all the remaining hedgerows which are a haven for wildlife. Anyone walking down the lane between the farm and Kilroyd drive will see hundreds of birds in this hedgerow alone. So not only will Hunsworth now be an extension of Cleckheaton as the greenbelt is destroyed but also hedgerows of regional and historical importance to Hunsworth will be destroyed. This summer I saw numerous coming from these fields and disappearing into the hedgerows what impact will their removal have on this species. Also there is a colony on which fly around the farm complex in summer what impact will this development have on them with the additional noise and light pollution. I cannot imagine that it will be positive.

Two large water holding tanks are proposed to prevent flooding as the fields which capture and hold rain water will be replaced by concrete and tarmac. With the current discussions on climate change and increased rain levels at what point will these tanks become inadequate for the rainfall, then what happens to the residents who have and came close to flooding over the past few years. I also expect that silt and other debris will find their way into the tanks reducing their capacity over time, will this also be pumped into the local water courses and what is the environmental impact of this!

There are many more points of concern I and other residents can raise and I hope that Adam and his team will publicly answer all of them before endorsing this application.