



These are my comments and concerns with regard to the demolishing of the bungalow no 3 Marsh Gardens to make way for four, four bedroom terraced houses and the potential impact these houses will have on the local infrastructure and the conservation area. My points are as follows:

This is over development of the site, leading to overcrowding. Four houses are too many for this small site and will be visually detrimental to the street.

The proposed housing is out of character and not in keeping with other housing on Marsh Gardens which is in a conservation area. They are incompatible with the design of existing houses in this conservation area eg. Houses on Marsh Gardens near to the proposed development do not have dormer windows or door canopies and would look out of place.

No suitable pavement from Westgate onto Marsh Gardens. If people are expected to walk instead of using their cars then the developer should be contributing to improvements to the infrastructure eg pavements and pedestrian walkways to reduce risks to the health and safety of those living on Marsh Gardens going to and from the doctors surgery and school etc.

There will be reduced and loss of parking spaces due to potentially eight driveways to the front of the properties. Parking at certain times in the centre of the village will become more restricted on Marsh Gardens for people visiting the village centre and neighbouring properties. Parking in Honley is becoming more problematic for those wishing to shop and visit the centre of the village. Eight driveways side by side, will impact on the risk to health and safety of older people and those with children walking to school and doctors surgery. Cars exiting the continuous line of driveways will not have a clear view due to other cars parked on the driveways and will obscure people walking along the pavement especially children.

This development will increase traffic from the centre onto Marsh Gardens which has reduced capacity at the junction with Westgate due to it being a very narrow road and illegally parked cars.

This land if to be developed should be prioritized for housing for older people or first time buyers. There are few locations in the village where housing could be built for older people who may wish to downsize near to shops, doctors surgery and other health services and therefore potentially releasing larger family homes. By allowing a ground floor property to be demolished to make way for family housing is reducing the housing stock for those who are disabled or needing ground floor living which is in short supply in our village.

Fewer and smaller 1-2 bedroom properties would be more acceptable and they would need to be built in keeping with the the design and character of properties in the local vicinity.