

About the application

Application number: 2019/93524	
What is the application for?:	Provision of 4 parking spaces and landscaping works to provide amenity space
Address of the site or building:	102, Dunford Road, Holmfirth, HD9 2DT
Postcode:	

User comments

Type of comment: An objection

The idea of putting four car parking spaces at the bottom of Swan Bank Lane has already been put to planning and rejected (application 2018/60/93148/W and enforcement COMP/19/0106) – has anything changed? I have scrutinised the application form and location maps and clearly the latter is exactly the same document as the original submission - no alterations have been made.

I have not changed my mind with regards to this new submission, my original objections and comments still stand. The car parking would be for people living on Dunford Road, which is where these cars and their visitors should be parked. Swan Bank Lane was positioned where it is for the sole use of the original mill and following conversion in the 90's, once again brought back into use by the Mill complex. The mill car park is private and for residents only - it is very clear from this proposed application for parking bays that no provision has been made for turning their vehicles and we as owners will not be allowing our car park to facilitate this. What happens if all the proposed bays are full? You would only realise this at the last minute as you can not see them until you are actually on the lane - if there is no turning facility, how on earth do you get back onto Dunford Road? Drivers will be forced to reverse up Swan Bank Lane and back out onto Dunford Road, risking the safety of pedestrians using the lane, pedestrians on the pavement at the top of it and vehicles moving up and down Dunford Road. The people living in the flats converted within the Mill building have looked after the lane since the flats were installed as part of the conversion agreement. Recently, this has been particularly difficult when the lane has been dug up by workmen to get to electric and gas supplies for a building which has not been used as a residential property for so many years that it is not even recognised by Kirklees Council! On one occasion, the workman I engaged in conversation said he could not understand why the property was not being connected to Dunford Road as it was so much easier. On another occasion, the Swan Bank Court management company repaired damaged potholes after work we had been warned about was completed only to then receive a new letter telling us of further work on the lane.

I cannot understand why all the trees on this land were chopped down, they clearly didn't have planning permission and is it true that there were trees on that land with (or due to have) TPO protection orders? The destroyed trees were uprooted over a year ago and the roots have been left against the wall by the lane side and, with the water we have recently, are pushing the wall over. These huge tree roots need to be removed as a matter of urgency as they are an eyesore as well as dangerous. In addition, the unnecessary felling of these trees has already had an effect on the biodiversity of the area - we no longer have bats and a number of species of birds have not returned. The site of this application and proposed parking bays are in an area within the Kirklees Bat Alert layer and also the Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network, in my opinion, something that appears to have been forgotten or simply just ignored.

It has been mentioned that the steps at the top of the lane towards Dunford Road may be moved/removed BUT they are part of Swan Bank Lane and not in any way at all a part of the owner/developer's land. This is unacceptable, as is the application in full. In conclusion, I totally object to this planning application for the reasons set out above.