

About the application

Application number: 2020/91215	
What is the application for?:	Outline application for erection of residential development
Address of the site or building:	Land at, Green Acres Close, Emley, Huddersfield, HD8 9RA
Postcode:	

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PLANNING APPLICATION 2020/91215 Note 23/05/20

Land at Greenacres Close, access from Wentworth end.

1. A previous application to develop this site, with access from Greenacres Close and Warburton was refused by Kirklees M.C., based primarily on highways issues. A subsequent appeal by the applicants was turned down.
2. This new application relating to the same site, majors upon access from Wentworth Drive, but clarification is needed in order to preclude the possibility of vehicular access and egress via Greenacres Close, given that highway conditions beyond Greenacres Close to the east and Warburton remain as before. This clarification is essential because representatives of the applicants carried out a Geotech. survey in Greenacres Close and Warburton in March 2020. To what end ?
3. The previous application fell short of highway required standards of safety and related issues, and if those required standards still apply, the new application will surely fail for the same reasons. The situation at the junction of Wentworth Drive and Beaumont Street is, if anything, more dangerous than the junction of Warburton and Upper Lane.
4. Exiting from Wentworth Drive on to Beaumont Street poses more difficulties than Warburton . Simply standing at the junction it is obvious how many pairs of eyes are needed to effect a safe vehicle exit.
5. Pedestrians, especially parents, children and the aged, face even greater risks needing prompt decision making and nimble actions to cross to the village shops, the School, Church and Chapel.
6. Traffic entering Wentworth Drive creates problems by having to pause on a busy road forcing following and oncoming vehicles to “concertina”. Traffic coming from the east , on what is known as the “rat run”, approaches over a blind summit.
7. Entering Emley uphill from the west at an acute angle to Wentworth Drive, traffic invariably has to slow because of vehicles and builders' skips parked outside The White Horse onwards.
8. Parked vehicles opposite Wentworth Drive force traffic turning right out of Wentworth Drive, (eastwards) to pass over the wrong carriageway facing oncoming traffic. This is virtually a permanent situation.
9. Tyburn Lane is a few steps away to the west causing problems and the bus stop is now situated near the entrance to Wentworth Drive, having been moved from opposite The White Cross. This aggravates the situation at this junction.
10. Traffic surveys by Kirklees Road safety officers should be commissioned. Wentworth Avenue is the feeder service road for 86 dwellings currently accommodating some 150 cars. A further 50 dwellings will add some 57% to the traffic volume, plus service vehicles such as deliveries, police, fire, ambulance and waste collection (x 2 journeys in and out).
11. Any increase at all is dangerous.