

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:	

User comments

Type of comment: An objection
I wish to object to the outline application for residential development at Green Acres Close, Emley for the following reasons: 1. Highway safety and traffic concerns The access proposed for this development is via Wentworth Drive. The junction between Wentworth Drive and Beaumont St is already dangerous. As a resident of Wentworth Drive I have had a few near misses when cars have entered Wentworth Drive too quickly as the initial section of Wentworth Drive is not wide enough for two cars to pass safely, particularly when cars are parked on the side of the road. Furthermore, it can be very difficult to pull out onto Beaumont St in rush hour, due to cars coming into and out of the village. This development is likely to lead to at least a further 100 cars. If we assume that most residents will need to use the junction onto Beaumont St during rush hour this will create a huge hazard, as there is not space for many cars to queue at the junction whilst waiting for an opportunity to pull out onto Beaumont Street. A further point related to highway safety concerns the large amount of additional traffic along Upper Lane that the development will bring. Even at 7.30am on a weekday morning traffic along Upper Lane can be very busy and due to on street parking cars need to advance and pull into the gaps between parked cars as it is single file in many places. A further 50 -100 cars would make Upper Lane almost unusable during rush hour. It is important to note that there is no crossing between Wentworth Drive and the rest of Emley, so when walking to school one needs to wait for a significant gap in the traffic in order to cross safely. A large rise in the volume of traffic coming out of Wentworth Drive in rush hour would make crossing this road both difficult and dangerous. As large gaps in the traffic would be unlikely, older children who cross without parents may then be tempted to take risks by crossing in smaller gaps to avoid being late for school or the school bus.

2. Impact on nature

The development borders the very beautiful and much loved Millennium Green. This green space is highly valued and well used by local residents as somewhere safe to spend time. The Millennium Green, the nature that thrives there and the access to it will all be badly affected during the construction and post construction.

3. Reduction of Amenities

Many children enjoy playing out on Wentworth Drive, which is a safe and quiet cul-de-sac. Children

ride bikes and scooters up and down the road and enjoy the sociable aspect of playing outside of their gardens with their neighbours of different ages.

This would be impossible if the development were to go ahead, due to construction traffic and later an extra 100 or more cars using Wentworth Drive.

There is a huge sense of community on Wentworth Drive which comes from children playing outside together and this is likely to be destroyed if the development goes ahead due to the vast amounts of traffic up and down the road. It would no longer be safe to let children play out together and this would impact on their well being.

4. School-related Concerns

Emley First School is already oversubscribed and the development would add more pressure on places which is unsustainable. If residents from the development could not acquire a school place in Emley, this would create further traffic in and out of Wentworth Drive at the start and end of the school day, as they would need to access a school in a surrounding village.