

Residents of Oakenshaw and Lower Woodlands,

This letter is designed to assist the community in a positive and inclusive way. If you are offended by receiving it, I can only apologise and request you dispose of it responsibly.

The enabling works for the Interchange 26 development on the site of the former waste water treatment works began approximately 2 weeks ago. In 2016, Outline Planning Permission was granted by Kirklees Council to Keyland Developments to develop the land to the east of the M606 between Cliff Hollins Lane and the M62. This was despite overwhelming evidence suggesting the proposed access route into the site presented considerable risk, not only for the residents of Oakenshaw and Lower Woodlands but also for those transiting through our village.

What is clear is that many residents are unaware that the Reserved Matters Application is now sitting with Kirklees Council. This is the final chance to make comment, either to lodge an objection or to support the development before the construction work commences.

Comments can be lodged by various means but unfortunately the Council does not monitor comments made on social media. It should not take much of your time to have your say on something that will have a huge effect on our community. Here are the options available, quoting Planning Application 2020/91488:

1. Kirklees Council Website:

https://my.kirklees.gov.uk/service/Planning_applications_Comment_on_a_planning_application

2. E-Mail:

Kate.Mansell@Kirklees.gov.uk (Kate is the Planning Officer assigned to the planning application)

3. Post:

Kate Mansell, Development Management Masterplanner, Planning & Development, Civic Centre 1, High Street, Huddersfield, HD1 2NF

4. Alternatively, I am happy to register your comments online on your behalf if you complete the appropriate section of this flyer overleaf.

Many of you will have already voiced your opinions at the Outline Planning stage and feel anger and frustration towards Kirklees Council. Although there was an element of justification for the regeneration of the Brownfield Site, the decision was reached despite the overwhelming concerns of consultants and residents - many of these concerns remain unaddressed. Our community has been ridden rough-shod over by the developers, ably assisted by Kirklees Council, who have clearly chosen viability over safety in order to ensure they receive their profit margins and rates respectively.

Clearly the development will affect some more than others. As my family and I live within 100m of the proposed site entrance, I will not hide the fact that I am opposed to the access route as it will have a great impact on our lives. However, there are many other residents that will suffer a worse fate e.g. those living in the bungalows next to the site entrance will soon be wedged between the access route and the M606 like the farm in the middle of the M62. There are also the ongoing issues relating to the school car park which has been enforced on the community.

Personally, I have raised numerous concerns with Kirklees Planning including health and safety, Green Belt use and many relating to technical and procedural aspects of the development. I cannot put words in your mouths or write the comments on your behalf so I would like to encourage everyone to make comment, whether they are objecting to, or supporting the application. Please take a little time to contribute your opinion. A strong response from our community will provide food for thought when the application goes before the Planning Committee.

Your comments may well encourage Kirklees Planning to place additional conditions on the development during the construction phase, in order to reduce the risk to the community, particularly the children attending Woodlands School.

The pros and cons are considerable but as a starter for 10, here are a few subjects that could be worthy of mention, just a couple of sentences will suffice – rather 20 comments representing public feeling on the same subject than no comment at all:

Impact on the Green Belt
Employment opportunity
Access route / traffic volumes
Road and pedestrian safety
Regeneration of disused water works
Light, noise and air pollution
Environmental/ecological impact

For data protection reasons, it would be preferable for your comments to be sent to the Planning Officer using options 1-3 overleaf. However, if you do require me to upload comments on your behalf, please provide details below should Kirklees Council need to confirm residence - they will not be displayed publicly. After completion, give me a call on _____ and I will arrange collection. I will let you know once your comment has been received by Kirklees.

THE EXPECTED CLOSING DATE FOR COMMENT IS 27 JUL 20.

Thank you in advance of your participation.

Name:

Address:

Tel No: E-Mail (if applicable):

Comments:

I still feel the above development
will have a devastating effect on
Oakenshaw

Visually Awfully. Traffic -
MUST access via M606. The
village cannot take anymore
vehicles. Bring back Lockdown

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