

Dear Mr Simcock and Mr Robertson,

I am writing to you regarding the planning application 2020/62/91337/W and tree application 2020/91755 made by Mr and Mrs Hunt at 1a Mount Pleasant Lane, Fenay Bridge. I appreciate these 2 applications are lodged with separate Kirklees departments but I can clearly see both applications have some cross over and are ultimately being used to achieve the final objective which is to gain approval for a new build 3 storey house with access to Mount Pleasant Lane and change of access to the existing residence of Mr & Mrs Hunt from 1a Mount Pleasant lane to Fenay Bridge Road.

Firstly, I have concerns about the applications which are requesting new access via Fenay Bridge Rd. The road is an extremely busy road used as a short cut to gain access to and from Penistone Road. Especially at peak time traffic hours. There are regular collisions between cars as they travel too fast when approaching the bend right next to the proposed new access. In addition to this cars are parked immediately opposite the new entrance adding to the build-up of vehicles and potential collisions. The access would also be directly next to the entrance of the cycle track where families with young children often cross adding further to the risk of people getting hurt. Approving these plans will only increase the congestion and potential for trauma to innocent bystanders on Fenay Bridge Road.

Scanning through the planning application 2020/62/91337/W submitted by Orange Design on behalf of Mr & Mrs Hunt it states there is no requirement for new access to the highway which I see is misleading and completely untrue. Application 2020/91755 highlights this proposed change.

Any building works would mean heavy goods vehicles needing access to the land via Fenay Bridge Rd. The narrow access would make turning into the entrance hazardous on the dangerous bend.

Furthermore, Mr and Mrs Hunt in recent weeks have sub-contracted works for a substantial part of trees and shrubs to be cut down in a conservation area. This conservation area is an important habitat and food source for bats. As bats are a protected species should we not be conserving these important bio-diverse areas, so their habitat and food sources are maintained rather than reduced. Surely to help protect the environment and maintain the bats habitat these trees and shrubs should be replanted.

I hope you give these concerns the upmost consideration when reviewing the applications and you choose to decline this application.

If you have any further questions please let me know.

Yours Sincerely,