

About the application

Application number: 2020/91488	
What is the application for?:	Reserved matters application pursuant to outline permission 2016/92298 outline a
Address of the site or building:	Former North Bierley Waste Water Treatment Works, Oakenshaw, BD12 7ET
Postcode:	

User comments

Type of comment: An objection

I wish to object to the access shown on the plans at the old water treatment works reference as above. Ref 2020/91807 and 2020/91488

We have lived on Bradford Road Oakenshaw for over 20 years and in that time the traffic on Bradford Road has increased immensely. The pressure put on this originally rural, still unclassified road by the amount of HGVs travelling to and from the motorway is terrifying to me. The access onto Chain bar at peak rush hour (outside Covid lockdown) can be ridiculous. If an accident occurs on one of the motorways the whole area is blocked, at times upwards of an hour. If the new units at 'Interchange 26' are to be used as warehousing/distribution there will be a huge increase in the number of HGVs using this road.

There have been a number of accidents between St Andrew's church and Mill Carr Hill Road, at least two of which resulted in fatalities. There was an incident in July 2016, where an articulated lorry overturned outside the pub, spilling heavy sheets of hardboard onto the pavement and road. During winter weather I have seen thick blocks of ice sliding from the roofs of HGVs as they go round the bend at the bottom of Wyke Lane also falling onto the pavement. I am afraid to walk from the church to Mill Carr Hill Road, the HGVs come dangerously close to the footpath and many schoolchildren walk to Woodlands Primary school along this route. It will be considerably worse once the site is open and vehicles are turning up and down Mill Carr Hill Road. The 90 degree turn from Bradford Road and immediate descent of Mill Carr Hill Road would allow any ice located on the roof to cascade onto the pavement.

The access from Bradford Road to the site is narrow, busy at school times and not meant to carry this type of traffic. There will be huge disruption caused to the people living at the bottom of Cliff Hollins Lane and the surrounding area. The school children will suffer from the extra noise, pollution and road hazards. The wildlife we see regularly along the public footpath and surrounding area; Bats, Red Kites, Sparrow hawks, nesting Cranes, Rabbits etc. will be driven away. I am also concerned that the footpath which allows access to the stream, woods and fields beyond will disappear.

I understand that the site needs re-using and I am not against the development itself providing it is positioned at the far end of the site away from the bungalows. My main objection remains the access road which is wholly inadequate.

I am concerned that the problems with the inadequate access could be ignored, at the cost of lives.