

About the application

Application number: 2020/92307	
What is the application for?:	Outline application for erection of residential development
Address of the site or building:	Penistone Road/, Rowley Lane, Fenay Bridge, Huddersfield, HD8 0JS
Postcode:	

User comments

Type of comment: An objection

Dear KMC,

I object to planning application number 2020/60/92307/W on the following grounds:

- The coalesce between this application site (HS2) & site (HS3) is currently unclear, the adopted local plan clearly states, "A joint Master-plan is required with adjacent site HS3 to be prepared in accordance with policies in the LP" (KMC adopted local plan, allocations & designations, p.23&24). The applicants design & access statement (id 818935, p. 11) does not give details regarding traffic flow of the interconnected sites and collective number of houses. The magnitude of the site's relationship cannot be appreciated by such a cosmetic Master-plan, as presented. The cumulative effect of these sites on the proposed infrastructure is highly unclear.
- Within the LP, Lepton & Fenay Bridge have a total of 1125 new homes planned (HS1,2,3,5,6,9), Farnley Tyas 23 homes (HS194,198), Kirkburton 97 homes (HS196), totaling 1245 new homes within the immediate vicinity of the planning applications proposed infrastructure. The most current statistics (2014-2018) for cars per household in the Yorkshire region shows 1.2 cars per household, raising yearly. This creates an increase of 1350 more cars within the application's immediate vicinity.
- Additional LP housing designations in Shepley (HS193,197,203) & Stocksmoor (HS192,199) 161 homes, Skelmanthorpe, Scissett & Denby Dale 856 homes, creates a potential overall increase of 2082 new homes/ 2498 cars using the new infrastructure.
- What effect will revamping of an existing artery road have on traffic congestion?
- The applicant states that the site is close to established bus routes (D&A statement, p. 9). The new roundabout/ roads will remove the existing bus stop, where will they put a new stop? It would push this bus stop too far south along Penistone road, or too far to the north (after the houses / drives) to be useful for Lepton residents.
- No applicant consideration or acknowledgement has been given to the historic built environment that contributes to the beautiful Woodsome Valley (where this site lies). This shows a total disregard for the area, its past and future preservation, the application site can be seen from Woodsome Hall, a superb grade 1 listed building. The estate of Woodsome Hall historically ran up to the boundary wall of Lepton Great Woods, aptly named Woodsome Valley, this can be appreciated from Woodsome Hall. Woodsome bridge is also part of the setting, which is extremely close to the proposed infrastructure changes.
- To consider (HS2 & HS3) spoiling the most visually enjoyed and used outdoor spaces in the Lepton / Fenay Bridge area is outrageous. Recreation facilities in the area are virtually non-existent, people use Lepton great Woods and surrounding fields for leisure (walking/ jogging). The amenity value to the community of the areas within the sites has been extremely apparent within the Covid-19 lock-downs. Once the exceptionally beautiful Woodsome Valley has been destroyed by bricks and mortar, it will be gone forever, no amount of developer 'green' space will appease this catastrophe or its loss to the community. Is this sort of progress desirable, innovative or sustainable?