

Planning application comment: 2020/62/93954/W

The density of the development is too high for its rural location and it because of this is not possible to ensure the safe and efficient flow of traffic to the site.

The site is only accessible via Lingards Road with the majority of traffic likely to be from the A62, and a smaller proportion of traffic from Chain Road.

Kirklees local plan policy LP21 requires

- a. ensure the safe and efficient flow of traffic within the development and on the surrounding highway network;

Access to the site via Lingards Road from the A62 does not provide safe and efficient flow of traffic:

- It is single track over the majority of its length due to its narrow width and parked cars. This is not mentioned in the transport statement.
- Lingards Road has no pavement at the junction with the A62 which is used by school children travelling to Nields School from the Marsden direction. This is not sufficiently addressed in the transport statement.
- There are a number of blind junctions between the site and the A62. This is not mentioned in the transport statement.

Lingards Road serving the site from the south side off Chain Road does not provide safe and efficient flow of traffic.

- The junction onto Chain Road is very steep, narrow and at acute angle with difficult visibility. Chain Road is a fast road with a national speed limit that is well used. The difficulty of the junction and the speed of the approaching traffic makes this unsafe. This is not mentioned in the transport statement.
- The majority of the road between Chain Road and the site is single track and has poor visibility. This is not mentioned in the transport statement.
- The middle section of the road is well used by walkers with a number of popular routes that cross the road and where there is no pavement. This is not mentioned in the transport statement.

Lingards Road is currently lightly used by road traffic (it being primarily used by people living along its route), but the development at the proposed scale dramatically increases the level of traffic. The scale of increase is not sufficiently explained in the transport statement. This is important because it means accident statistics cannot be relied upon to reflect the risk associated with the site access.

There is very little mention of Nields School in the transport statement. The school already face traffic problems during drop off / pickup times. I would have expected to see some explanation as to how construction traffic would be managed to minimize any impact on the school and how the safety of infant and primary age school children walking to school would be ensured. There is no assessment of whether the additional traffic levels might require any additional safety measures around the school either during construction or post construction.

Photo 1 – Lingards Road view from site entrance to Springfield Ave junction

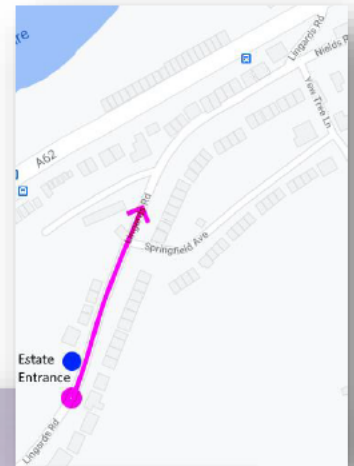


Photo 2 – Lingards Road view from Springfield Ave

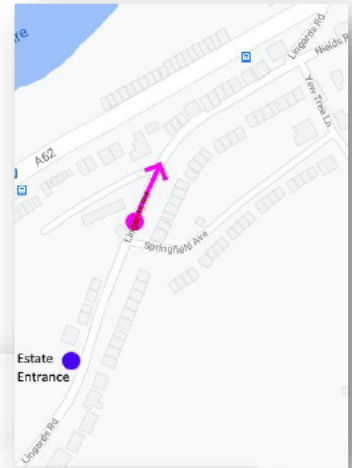


Photo 3 – Lingards Road towards junction with Yew Tree Lane

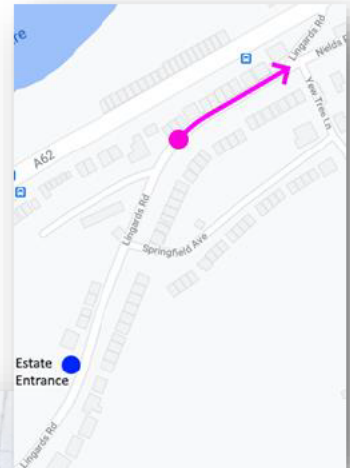


Photo 4 – Lingards Road view from A62 direction

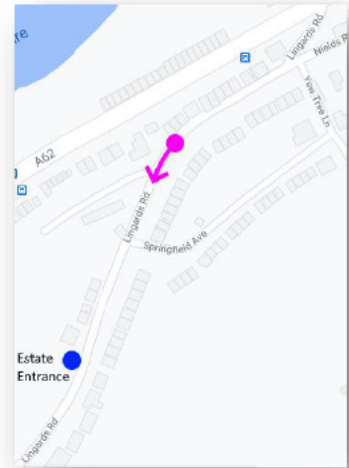


Photo 5 – Blind junction onto Lingards Road from Springfield Ave

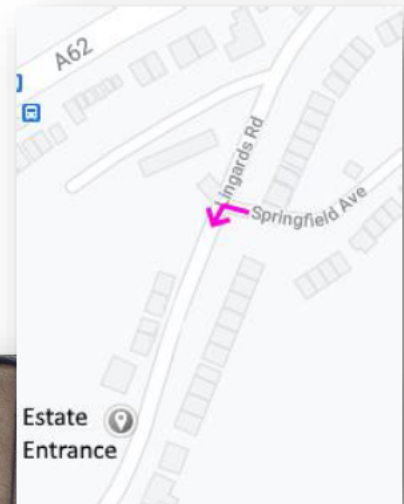


Photo 6 – Blind junction onto Lingards Road from Yew Tree Lane

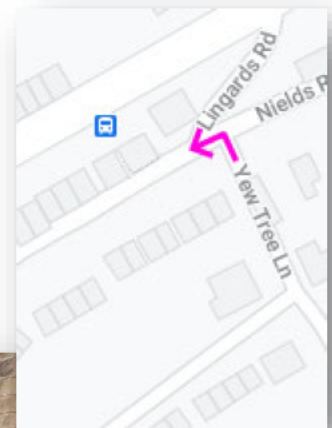


Photo 7 – Blind junction of Lingards Road with Nields Road very close to Nields School and where traffic problems already exist during drop off / pickup times.

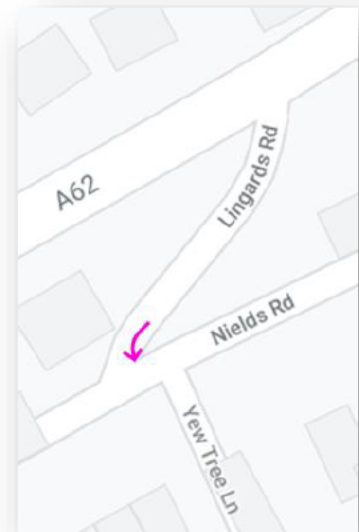


Photo 8 – No pavement at junction of A62 onto Lingards Road with poor visibility of unprotected pedestrians. The angle of approach means cars can carry a lot of speed when turning onto Lingards Road.

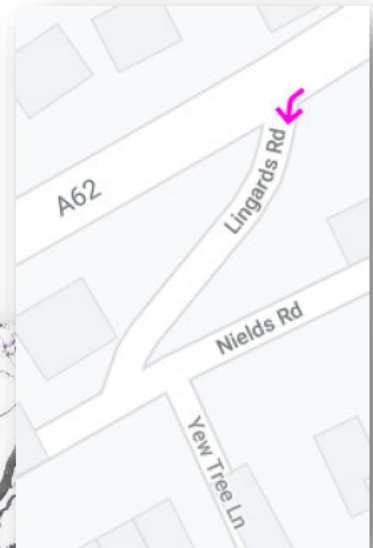


Photo 9 – Pedestrian view of junction of Lingards Road and the A62 showing how late a car would see a pedestrian when turning off the A62.

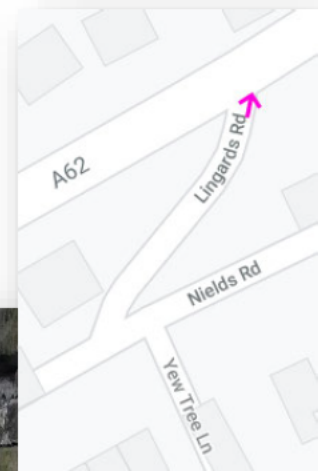


Photo 10 – Pedestrian view of Lingards Road at Junction with A62.
Pavement ends with blind view onto Lingards Road.

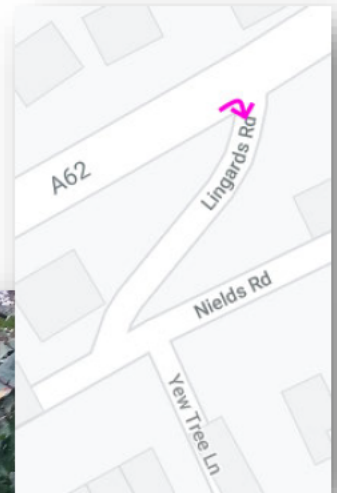


Photo 11 – View of blind junction of Lingards Road and Chain Road

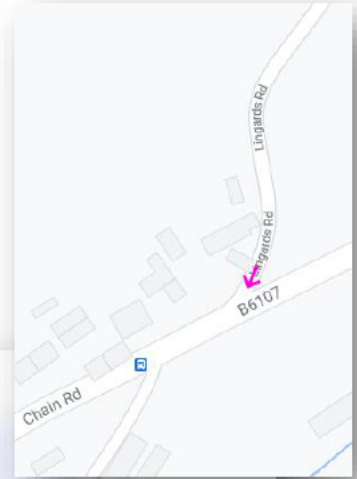


Photo 12 – Lingards Road from Chain Road direction narrow single track with poor road surface and surface water which turns to ice in winter.

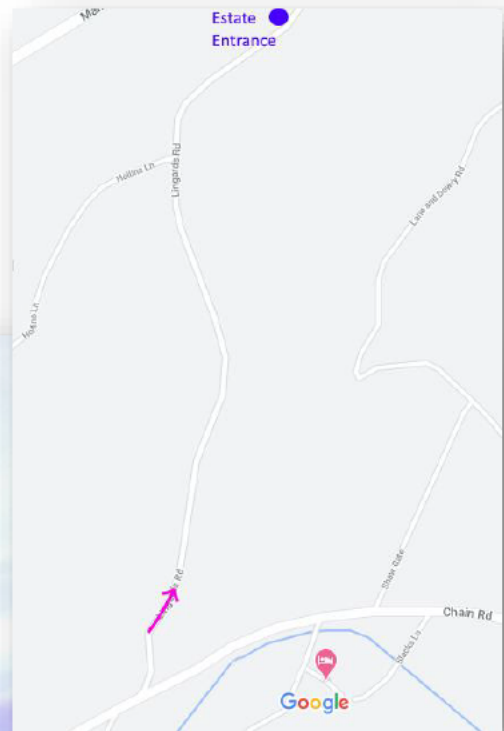


Photo 13 – Lingards Road from Chain Road direction showing narrow single-track road with poor surface and surface water which turns to ice in winter.

