

Kirklees determined this site was suitable for 36 dwellings. In proposing 43 dwellings, I'm left with the impression the developer feels he's demonstrating how clever he's been by finding a way to build a greater number.

The council's own landscape assessment detailed what it expected any proposed dwellings would be. Namely two storey properties, such as those existing dwellings adjacent to the site.

In proposing both, I'm left with the impression the developer has a complete disregard for the views of others.

The reduced number of dwellings would have allowed for more green open spaces, especially around the boundary of the site. Instead, the developer is proposing to plant trees (miles away) in Marsden, as he digs up the semi-improved acid grassland on-site. What the developer should be forced to do is allow the open space to exist on site, where it can be enjoyed by new and existing residents alike. This is where the real benefit should reside. The ecological benefit should be seen here. Not somewhere else, out of sight.

Each of these examples, when viewed alongside the others raised by many residents, lead me to believe the developer's application is fundamentally flawed.

The developer's approach, to this site, is far from delivering the sensitive touch the landscape assessment mentioned. Instead, he's thrown together one proposal after another, even increasing the numbers, in (what I can only see as) a (seemingly) enthusiastic attempt to ruin this small patch of the village.

His (seemingly) desperate attempt to personally re-designate this area as urban, would be laughable, if its success would not be so ruinous. It's clear to me, the type and size of property proposed would be more than suitable for an urban area, but this is not such an area. As such, the proposed dwellings are unsuitable for a rural area.

Even Kirklees have this area classed as *Kirklees Rural*. That in itself should speak volumes. Yet, it's in keeping with the applicant also trying to convince everyone that existing properties, adjacent to the site, are mostly 3 storey, which would favour his desire to build huge three storey dwellings. Yet, for me, the claim is as perverse as someone claiming cats *Moo*!