



I strongly object to the planning application at Hinchliffe Mill in its current form. It appears to be focused purely upon maximizing the viability / profitability of the development ignoring the impact on local residents, and the impact on a conservation area.

The access roads to the mill area are narrow and already congested with the existing traffic levels and on street parking. The proposed development will exacerbate this with significant additional traffic and additional on street parking caused by the displacement of existing residents' cars. HDC's estimates for the traffic generated by the 24 dwellings' associated 82 vehicles, and the vehicles servicing and delivering them, are unbelievably low bearing in mind the location of the development which will inevitably require the use of vehicles for work, school, shopping and recreation.

The increased congestion and traffic volumes, and lack of footpaths on the site access routes adjoining roads, will unacceptably affect pedestrian safety, particularly the pupils and parents walking to school.

Access and response items for the emergency services to the development will be poor, and detrimentally affected for the area served by the further congested adjoining roads.

I fundamentally disagree with HDC's view that the traffic impact of the development will be negligible.

The style, position and size of the new dwellings would completely dominate the mill and would be incongruous with the surrounding conservation area, completely dominating it and fundamentally changing its appearance and character. Hinchliffe Mill would in effect become a development with a village rather than a village with a development.

The large imposing modern 3 story design, and elevated position at the highest point of the development of #s 11-17 mean that they dominate the mill and surrounding area. Similarly, the size, 3 story design and position of #s 1-3 beside the mill and overlooking the mill pond dominate the mill and surrounding houses and are completely out of keeping with it.

The nature of this proposed development is completely at odds with the fundamental purpose of Kirklees' Conservation Area policy '...to safeguard the character of an area as a whole.' If passed in its current form the development would destroy the character of this area, and completely undermine the purpose of the policy.

In addition to the above two points. The Development Viability Appraisal for the development states that the '... the development in question is not viable with s106 contributions.', and requests the Council to not make them a requirement of the application. If the development requires 's106 related investment' it should not go ahead if it cannot provide this.

In summary I strongly object to the application due to the impact it will have on road congestion and safety, its incompatibility with the conservation area it is in, and the request not pay nothing to mitigate the impact of the development.