



I object to the size of the new dwellings on this site, the resulting affect they will have on this conservation area and the volume of traffic that will be generated.

Where the LDP HS190 allocation states that the limit of dwellings should be 19, the applicant proposes large 3-4 bedroom houses - the above negative impacts would be lessened by decreasing the size and number of bedrooms in the new houses. While Holmfirth has a seemingly inexhaustible market for this size of dwelling (yet a lack of affordable housing) , they are not appropriate for this location for the following reasons:

1. They will spoil the character of the mill building – particularly the two dwellings to the south of the mill. LP24 design states that the form, scale, layout and details of any scheme should respect and enhance the character of the townscape, heritage assets and landscape.

2. The increased traffic generated by the sheer size of dwellings is not acceptable in terms of safety, impact on existing residents and resulting pollution.

The traffic report – quoted below- is weak in its defence of the issue of the lack of safety/ poor road junctions and the ‘industry standard software’ they use to calculate number of trips is perhaps not programmed to the same metrics I witness from your average 4 bedroomed new – build in semi – rural, affluent Holmfirth...:

P14 • “The traffic generation from the development is forecasted to be in region of 9 trips in the morning peak and a similar amount in the evening peak.”

“ • The traffic impact of the development is considered negligible in terms of its impact on the surrounding highway network.”

P 15 “none of the junctions meet the design guidance as set out Manual for Streets in terms of stopping sight distances”.

Kirklees Emergency Planning Consultee response echoes safety concerns –

“Emergency Planning would like to note the following concerns: • access/egress to the site for emergency response vehicles • increased traffic volumes in an area which has narrow road infrastructure • additional housing would put pressure on existing infrastructure (e.g. local school, road network, etc.) • the junction of co-op lane and Woodhead Road can be a difficult junction to get out of.”