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FAO: Richard A Gilbert

Dear Mr Gilbert

As a resident of Hinchliffe Mill at 146a Woodhead Road, I would like to extend my concerns/objections regarding the planning application for the development of the derelict mill and surrounding land in Hinchliffe Mill planning ref: 2021/90800.

I am pleased that the mill will be developed as it is part of local history and should be preserved. Although the amount of traffic it will generate does concern me. However, I object strongly to the building of any new homes on the land.

Firstly, my concerns are the volume of traffic that will be created and the accessibility for said traffic. This is an area that is already struggling. The junction of Co-op Lane and Woodhead Road usually has parked cars around it already making visibility difficult. I live a very short distance from the junction and many times come across cars struggling to pull out, they are practically in the middle of the road before they can see if it's clear. Woodhead Road is a busy road, so pulling out of this junction can be risky. To add more cars to this scenario is ludicrous.

The roads near to the site are not made for a large flow of traffic and most especially not for plant machinery which would be required to build the houses. Road users struggle as it is, due to how narrow the roads are. In some sections there is no pavement, so as the roads are so narrow it can be unsafe for pedestrians. The roads also form part of a rural school route which therefore puts young children at risk.

Also, as Holmfirth centre is already struggling with its current traffic flow, the extra cars the residents of this site will generate will only make that problem worse, as the majority of journeys towards Huddersfield from Hinchliffe Mill, go through the centre of Holmfirth. Even if car journeys are just into Holmfirth, if they wish to park, the biggest car park is through the traffic lights, which for a short journey also exacerbates the traffic issue in Holmfirth centre.

I presume there will be some families who will live on the site, which I presume will make the school over prescribed. Therefore, children who are already local to the school could miss out on attending their local school, which could cause more traffic as they would need to travel to another school.

There is the issue of the land I believe now being regarded as green belt. I sincerely hope that this is a huge consideration when the new plans are reviewed. Part of the charm of Holmfirth is the greenery. To reduce this is removing part of the aesthetics of the area. This area also attracts a lot of Walkers.

There are a lot of new home developments in Holmfirth and surrounding area; at some point you should say "No". It is ripping the heart out of the Holme Valley as it is getting too big. We already know traffic is a problem, yet more houses are built creating more and more traffic. How are local residents protected against this? It's increasing house prices, there are people moving here from other towns which is pushing prices up. This is not protecting locals.

I urge you to very carefully consider the plans for this development as the impact of the building of new homes is extremely significant in increasing traffic flow, reducing residents' safety and changing the aesthetics of the local area which is adjacent to The Peak District National Park.