

About the application

Application number: 2021/90800	
What is the application for?:	Redevelopment and change of use of former mill site to form 19 residential units
Address of the site or building:	Hinchliffe Mill, Water Street, Holmbridge, Holmfirth, HD9 2NX
Postcode:	

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	Yes
Taking Water Street as my main objection	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The road is un-adopted – not maintained by yourselves (council) and no gritting in the winter – there is not even a grit bin for residents to use, how you think residents would cope is puzzling.• Narrow single track road with pinch points due to parked cars at the head of the road and a particular narrow section between houses near the top of the road.• The road already has approx. 22 cars using it regularly on a daily basis, plus visitors and deliveries - The projected figures of trips in and out for traffic to and from the intended units is based on people only leaving for work / returning and does not reflect other trips, visitors, deliveries, maintenance vehicles, the small table of figures is at best a guess and unrealistic. It cannot cater for any additional traffic based on the proposed dwellings and a minimum of 2 cars per household.• The row of terrace houses on the right hand side of Water Street as you head to the mill bridge all have doorsteps on the street, there is no footpath or protection from traffic.• The end of Water Street is the allocated parking for current residents and there is concern that this would become abused as a turnaround area – house numbers 19 & 21 have dedicated parking opposite their properties so these areas cannot be used as passing places.• Many dog walkers, ramblers, families and mountain bikers use Water street to access the footpaths that follow both sides of the river going towards Holmfirth, there is obviously a safety concern here. – please survey these paths on a weekend but also morning and evenings – especially in fair weather.• I would urge you to carry out another traffic survey at the busiest times during week days 7:00 until 9:30am and 3:15 until 6:30pm, also I suggest viewing the surrounding streets as well as Water street on an evening / weekends to view the sheer number of parked cars in this area, any two way streets in essence become single track due to resident's cars, including the main Woodhead Road – I appreciate the units would have parking but the increased vehicles would add to congestion, increased traffic noise and safety for pedestrians.	
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- Exiting Water Street the visibility is restricted by a lamp post, road sign / wall on the left and a wall plus a green telephone connection box on the right – cars speed up and down Coop Lane and there are many near misses.
- Also at the head of the street there are 2 houses with garages, these residents do park at the top along with some other vehicles that often makes it difficult to do a clean left turn into Water Street from Coop Lane (Vehicles park on the right of Coop Lane) without reversing out to adjust the vehicle position. How you think access for a fire engine would be easy is definitely a subject of contention along with your statement regarding refuse vehicles being able to enter and leave the street in forward gear.
- The measurements for Water Street are inaccurate, you are stating that in general it is 4.5M, have you overlooked the pinch points, one is 3M with another at 3.5M?
- I would not want to see heavy construction traffic down Water Street tearing up the surface through regular movements and the noise / disruption to current residents, the noise and disruption comment also extends to post development traffic. Also Water Street is totally unsuitable for construction traffic. Plus the site is currently overgrown and there is masses of earth to move, the level of heavy vehicles needed to clear the site for construction would seriously damage the road infrastructure.
- Any work that compromises parking for current residents would be unwelcome as parking throughout the nearby streets is at a maximum and can cause conflict at times.
- The extra dwellings would spoil the area not being sympathetic to the surrounding buildings.