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Subject: Plan Application 2021/62 /90800W
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Dear Sirs,

Ref: Planning Application 2021/62/90800/W - Water Street, Holmbridge

OBJECTION

As a local resident in very close proximity to this proposed development I have viewed the above application plans and documents, and wish to submit my strongly object to this development and all the issues that it will cause to our community and existing residents.

This scheme will greatly impact on the current residents in the immediate vicinity of both Spring Lane, Water Street and the surrounding lanes of Old Road, Co-op Lane, Dobb Top Road a, Dobb Top Lane and Hollin Brigg Lane which are all ingress and egress routes for this part of Holmbridge.

The existing mill building is part of the areas historical heritage value and a part of the communities history. It is unfortunate that the existing mill building has been left to deteriorate for such a long period of time. It would be nice and advantageous to the area to have the existing building refurbished by way of creating the 7no, apartments proposed (this has been done successfully with other mill buildings in the Kirklees area). 7 apartments would not generate an overly great extra amount of traffic and strain on our already strained infrastructure. However the construction of the further proposed 17 properties plus the service buildings shown on the plans, along with its parking requirements and additional traffic flow would be hugely disadvantageous and disruptive to the community.

The design of the scheme is not at all in keeping with the locations surrounding properties and will serve only to prove an eyesore viewable from the main Wood Head Road and Acre Lane where it will be clearly viewed sitting in the valley bottom. The area forms part of the green belt area, falls within a conservation area and is also flood plain, all of which this scheme contradicts as detailed in the Local Kirklees Plan prepared for future development.

Both Water Street and Spring Lane as the entrance and exit points to the scheme would be seriously impacted by the access of all the new residents, either route of access to the site is single lane at its narrow point (circa 3m wide) and does not allow for two passing vehicles. Consideration needs to be given to the utility vehicles, bin lorries, postal/and delivery services, buses, the need should it

arise for access by emergency service vehicles, all of which will struggle. There are big safety concerns and issues with traffic attempting to pull out of the steep Coop lane onto the main Woodhead road, this would be increased with the extra traffic loading that this development would cause.

There is a great lack of off road parking in the immediate area as is the nature of the way in which the village has grown over the years, drivers, community buses, pedestrians, mothers & children, cyclists, numerous dog walkers etc all use the narrow lanes none of which have pavements dodging oncoming traffic as they pass the rows of parked cars taking up one side of the road. This is also a school area, located on Hollin Brigg Lane and all the lanes in the area of this scheme see a great deal of traffic in the mornings and afternoons and also foot traffic of parents taking and collecting kids to/from the school. This is already in addition to the normal traffic of residents/delivery drivers and buses going about their daily business, there is no room for more traffic created by this scheme.

As the previous planning that was granted for 19 dwellings has now expired I would prefer that the new application if granted should be restricted to the Mill Building only.

There are existing footpaths both adjacent to the site from Water Street to the river and coming down the hillside from Acre Lane and through the proposed site to the riverside. These paths will be affected as will the nature and wildlife in the immediate vicinity of the site all of which form part of the character and attraction of this part of our village.

Once a green space has gone it will never return. Never should our green belt and conservation areas be destroyed for monetary gain of corporate enterprise particularly at the detriment of the local community and also when they contravene the Local (Kirklees) development Plan, the technical papers therein on - floodplains, Highway design, National Policy Frameworks, Public Right of Way and more.

Please do not allow this development to proceed.

Holmbridge Resident