

About the application

Application number: 2021/91689	
What is the application for?:	Variation condition 2 and 5 on previous permission 2016/93243 for erection of 17
Address of the site or building:	Thirstin Mills, Thirstin Road, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6JG
Postcode:	WA3 4HP

User comments

Type of comment: A general comment	
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I have no objection to the principle of the trees being removed from the proposed scheme given potential risk around slope stability and future maintenance issues. The proposed treatment appears to be that previously included in the scheme but similar to separate comments posted, it is essential that the Developer clears the current plants and weeds from the embankment in full and ensures the membrane remains in tact to address slope stability. This should be carried out prior to seeding to ensure the treatment takes and the can establish itself. In the original planning permission, it was intended for the planting to the embankment to be carried out in the first planting season following the commencement of the superstructure works on site: this should have been Q1 2020 at the latest; works were commenced with the membrane however the planting was not and has not been challenged by the Planning Officer. I suspect the timing was to ensure this was not forgotten about but also to provide opportunity for the planting to establish prior to occupation/Practical completion of the houses. This has not been the case and now residents, both on the site and in neighbouring houses have an embankment full of overgrowing weeds. A key point to approval of the proposed variation will therefore be to ensure timing is committed to and that the Developer carries out the works at the earliest opportunity. If there is scope to do so during summer 2021 I am sure this would be welcomed by all residents and would encourage the Landscape and Planning Officers to insist upon this, particularly given the Developer is active elsewhere in Kirklees.	