

About the application

Application number: 2021/62/91871/E	
What is the application for?:	Erection of residential development (55 dwellings) including access and associat
Address of the site or building:	Land adj, High Street and Challenge Way, Hanging Heaton, Batley
Postcode:	WF10 4UA

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
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This development will require part of the border of trees on challenge way to be destroyed. Those trees were planted there when challenge way was first built, and was required as part of the planning permission, to protect the houses on High Street from noise / vibration / pollution. The houses on High Street (and indeed the new development) will be subject to increased pollution and noise. The pollution and noise surveys carried out by the developer were all done during lockdown and are not a true reflection of the real situation.

The area allocated for building has a huge amount of wildlife which will be destroyed. As well as a large variety of birds, the bats which roost at St Pauls Church use that area for foraging and destroying this area could be incredibly harmful to the local bat community. Hares have also been spotted on this land as well as badgers.

With regards heritage conservation, the view from St Paul's church across the valley will be completely destroyed. The low wall opposite the entrance to the church was put there to allow people exiting the church to stand at the top of the path and look out over the valley.

Privacy for the homes on High Street affected is a huge issue. In 2007 we were granted planning permission
our garden. If this development is to go ahead, will
look directly into someone's bedroom. This is not acceptable. The new houses are planned to be way too close and are an invasion of our privacy.

The field acts as a natural drainage site for Hanging Heaton. We have had numerous issues with drainage in our garden and Yorkshire Water have visited many times. We have been told by Yorkshire Water that the problems with water in our back garden are because the field is the drainage for Hanging Heaton as the water flows from Hanging Heaton to this field and sometimes the field gets water logged (indeed there is a natural spring that runs through the field too). If this development was to go ahead there would be nowhere for the water to flow. I see from the plans there has been a small attempt to address this, however I don't feel the surveys done on drainage are sufficient enough and in addition they were all done during dry conditions and are not a true reflection.

The noise / traffic surveys were all done during lockdown and are not a true reflection of the actual figures. In addition the new developments planned on owl lane / chidswell / grange road, will only further add to this issue.

The field acts as a natural border for Hanging Heaton and there is a huge sense of community in the area. If this land was to be built on, the urban sprawl could result in Hanging Heaton losing its boundary and losing its sense of identity. In addition the development adds no value to the community. The local schools were over subscribed this year, and parents have complained they have been allocated schools 5 miles away. The local services simply cannot cope with an increase of housing in the area. Why don't the plans include something that will add value to the area, such as a playground for the local children? Rather than just taking away the land and draining the already few resources.