

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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I object to the development of this land due to the negative impact it will have on the natural landscape and wildlife habitats presently there and the detrimental affect on the traditional semi-rural community I grew up in.

The hares, rabbits, bats and deer that have been spotted, not to mention the other birds and insects residing there, will lose their homes to allow for even more new build houses to be erected, despite the sites on Owl Lane and Gawthorpe being given the green light. This un-altered natural woodland is valuable for the wildlife to thrive and survive as there have been recent proposals by the tenants of Savile Estates to alter the use of Caulms Woods. This area is used by many families in the local community to enjoy the land for walking and exercising pets. If the proposed development of new homes goes ahead as well, residents will have no natural landscapes left to enjoy wildlife and exercise.

This open field and the trees along it will disappear if the development of the land occurs, and they act as a sound barrier for Hanging Heaton against Challenge Way, the busy new road built in the 90s when I was a child. Heavy traffic already roars up and down while parents have to cross this road on foot with young children to access the already over-subscribed nursery school, as I do. I have witnessed drivers speeding to beat the traffic lights at crossings at peak times. Additional traffic on Challenge Way will only make this journey even more dangerous and there would also be more traffic on High Street to contend with when crossing roads to get to the schools. Any attempts to slow cars on this rat run with speed bumps and pedestrian crossings are already ignored and they can be heard speeding up and down at all times of day and night. The extra traffic would increase the danger to the people already residing on and around this road.

Local schools and doctors surgeries are struggling under the weight of resident applications. From my own experience I found that it took several months to be able to register my family with a doctor in the main town. The small local infrastructure cannot cope with an influx of additional residents.

A more suitable use for this land would be a playground and a mini explorer trail. There could be the development of an open water area for the rain water run-off of Hanging Heaton to provide plenty of natural habitats allowing residents and wildlife to enjoy it in equal measure.