

About the application

Application number: 2021/91914	
What is the application for?:	Demolition of one dwelling and erection of 44 dwellings with access and associat
Address of the site or building:	rear of, 28, Northorpe Lane, Northorpe, Mirfield, WF14 0QN
Postcode:	

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
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I am a former resident of Northorpe Lane and am familiar with this site, having lived there for many years.

I cannot see how this land is now suitable for building when it was part of the green belt. The council is supposed to protect green belt, particularly as it says that the green belt zone between Mirfield and Dewsbury is small and should be protected to preserve the individual identities of each town and make sure they remain separate. If this is the case, then the land should not have been allocated for housing because it is part of the vital green belt.

I know first-hand the problems with this field because it has always been water-logged in the lower section alongside the railway embankment. When it was still farmland the local farmer used it only for grazing but was never able to cultivate it because it was so wet the tractors got stuck. Building houses on this land will be a major problem because of the water that collects in this area. In addition, what happens when the ground is disturbed to build these houses? I can only assume that it will be forced elsewhere and that will be onto the land of the properties further down and make the flooding worse on North Road.

The amount traffic in Northorpe is considerably more than when we first lived in the lane. The section of the lane at the junctions with Shillbank and Crossley Lane are regularly blocked because the houses up one side of the lane have no off street parking the residents have to park on the road. This makes it single file traffic so when cars are trying to leave Northorpe Lane or get onto it there is no place to pass. If you allow another 44 houses to be built then a bad situation is only going to get much worse. There will be at least two cars for each of these houses so how is all of that traffic going to be able to get in and out of this country lane?

The council previously prevented the local stables from using Northorpe Lane to access their business because it said that the extra traffic was a road safety issue. Why then do you now say that adding 44 new houses will have no effect? There is already more traffic than there was when the livery yard had this restriction imposed on them and this estate will cause far more problems than a few people visiting the stables. How can you change the rules and just ignore the problem that you said existed before?

The prospect of having 44 extra houses in the lane will just be a nightmare for the residents. The council is supposed to have rules about making sure existing towns and villages are preserved and not damaged by unsuitable developments but this is exactly what is happening here. Building a massive housing estate in the middle of this community is ridiculous. It is completely out of step with what is already there and will absolutely ruin the character of the place. They are squeezed on to the site just to make more money for the builder. No one seems to care about the terrible layout and the ugly designs or the lack of open space.

It is disgraceful that the council wants to take land owned by Northorpe Hall. You cannot just give land that is not yours to builder. As the land doesn't belong to the builder or the council so it should not be part of this planning application. Because it has been wrongly included, that must make the planning application invalid and the council should therefore refuse permission not say that it should be passed.

The idea of building an estate of 44 houses is completely unsuitable for this location and the amount of traffic that the new houses will cause is far more than the lane can cope with. For all of these reasons this planning application should not be permitted.