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To: [DCAdmin](#)
Subject: planning application to build houses on Bradley Villa Farm land
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Dear Mathais Franklin,

Further to our email to you of June 27th 2021 and the detailed information that was attached to your letter of March 14th 2022, please find below our comments on the proposals to build houses on Bradley Villa Farm land.

We have serious concerns about this proposed development for the following reasons:-

Infrastructure.

Roads: The proposed changes to the A641 are dangerous. The road is already dangerous, especially for anyone turning right into Dorchester Rd across two lanes of traffic with oncoming traffic speeding round a bend just prior to the turning. Similarly it is equally dangerous for anyone turning right out of Dorchester Road on to the main road. It is already a very dangerous junction. These proposals now include **another** right turn across two lanes of speeding traffic in order to access the new estate. None of these right turns are anywhere near safe under the current plans. With these proposals you are substantially increasing the risk of a serious accident when you should be reducing the significant risk that already exists. Any plans that increase risk of serious road accidents should not be approved. We think you will find that there is a history of traffic incidents on this section of the road including the roundabout. These plans will increase the frequency of such incidents. No one should approve plans that increase the risk to life as a consequence of an increased risk of road traffic incidents.

Traffic: Anyone exiting the new estate by a vehicle has no option but to turn left. As an estimate, 277 houses equals at least 277 more cars, not to mention the vehicles visiting the estate to visit dwellers to provide them with services. This means that the Bradley Bar roundabout will have to cope with much more traffic, some of it having to use the roundabout just to U turn to go towards Brighthouse. Anyone living in this area will tell you that the roundabout cannot cope with the volume of traffic it already has. This development will increase that volume using the roundabout, as will other major housing developments in the vicinity. So where are the plans to improve the traffic flow at Bradley Bar roundabout? Without clear plans to deal with the current and anticipated volume of traffic using Bradley Bar roundabout, plans for this housing development should not be approved.

Medical services: From the information provided it is unclear to us as to how exactly the increased pressure on medical services, which are already stretched to the limit, will actually be met. For this reason the plans should be rejected.

Education: From the information provided it is unclear to us how exactly additional nursery,

infant, primary and secondary school places will be made available to children residing in this development and other developments planned for the vicinity. If there are not detailed plans to solve this issue the housing development should not be allowed to go ahead.

Health and well being – pollution: The additional papers give information to show that the housing development will not increase environmental, noise and air pollution to unacceptable levels. Given the increasing understanding of the damage that pollution causes to health it is our view that pollution generally should be reduced and no new development should be accepted if it increases pollution.

Brown field sites: In the information provided we can find no information to show that there are no brown field sites available as an alternative to this green field site development. As local residents we need factual evidence to assure us on this aspect.

Appropriate housing: In the information provided we can find no information to show that the type of housing is in line with the 'appropriate housing' referred to in the Kirklees Local Plan. We see no prioritisation of 'affordable housing' in these plans.

Place shaping: Ashbrow as a place already lacks identity. This housing development does nothing to enhance Ashbrow as a place. It's just more houses with no additional amenities to speak of – no shops, no park, no playing fields, no community centre, nothing - just a sprawl of more houses.

In our initial email to you we made references to The Kirklees Local Plan. In our view, the plans for this housing development are contrary to the Kirklees Local Plan and therefore should be rejected. There is no point in Kirklees expressing a vision in their 'Local Plan' if they go on to approve developments that are not in keeping with such a plan.

Yours sincerely,

- Infrastructure: no doctors, schools?, no change to roundabout, A641 dangerous, no assessment of future congestion - no plans to improve infrastructure – plans should be rejected
- Health and well being - surveys do not demonstrate that environmental pollution in the area will decrease – plan should be rejected.
- No assessment of availability of brown field sites – why not?
- No change to type of housing – doesn't prioritise affordable housing .
- No place shaping – no shops, no playing fields, no pub, no restaurant.

Kirkless plan not being adhered to. This development along with numerous others in the vicinity will change the area into an urban sprawl wher there is no distincition between Huddersfield and Brighouse. Not consistent with Kirklees' health and wellk being strasgtegy vision.