

Address: 30 Brownhill Lane Holmfirth HD92QW

About the application

Application number: 2021/92206	
What is the application for?:	Erection of 146 homes with open space, landscaping and associated infrastructure
Address of the site or building:	Land Off, Woodhead Road, Honley, Holmfirth
Postcode:	WF2 7UA

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	No
This is the first time I have ever felt inclined to object towards a planning application, but in this instance, I feel that it is vital. Having lived in Honley, Brockholes and Holmbridge over the past few decades, I use Woodhead Road almost every day, and I have witnessed it getting busier and busier and even more notably, more dangerous for all road users, from cars to cyclists to pedestrians. It scares me having to pull into the main road from places like Smithy Place and Hagg Wood because of the frequency of traffic and the speeds at which some people drive. Adding so many houses will only serve to make this issue more hazardous. We have already witnessed several nasty accidents over the past year or so, and it worries me that an increase in road use will no doubt lead to more. We must also take into account the fact that these fields serve to separate the villages of Honley and Brockholes. Two villages with differing identities which deserve to be kept as individual areas. Our green belt land is irreplaceable and there is no justification for building on it when there are so many other options. This leads me to another objection. It is absolutely unforgivable to destroy land which is important for wildlife. Biodiversity cannot be replicated elsewhere and over the past few decades, I've seen it gradually disappear to make way for development. Aside from the wildlife, there is more and more evidence available to prove that we need nature for our well being. In an ever demanding and stressful world, it is even more important to give value to our wild places. Children should be able to gather conkers in the Autumn. We should have the privilege of being able to watch barn owls and badgers in their own habitat. Meadows with flowers provide vital resources for insects and bees which we all know are now in decline. The recent arrival of the barn owls has increased interest in the area, and There is a very good chance that when they're mature they will attempt to breed in the area which is preferred for development. My final objection is that we simply do not have the resources available locally to continue taking on more and more people in more and more houses. This includes schools, doctors, dentists to name but a few. I therefore urge you to reject this proposal and any slightly differing plans which the developers will no doubt try to push through if this is the case. Our well being is so much more important than another 146 houses.	