About the application

Application number: 2021/93565	
What is the application for?:	Removal of condition 5 (Construction Method Statement) on previous permission 20
Address of the site or building:	Land Adjacent, Hazeldene House, Stoney Bank Lane, Thongsbridge, Holmfirth, HD9 7LZ
Postcode:	

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	Yes

I would like to object to the planning proposal 2021/93565.

I would like to point out that the building of the proposed access road has already commenced. This is unfair to us who live on the side of the access road, as you the council have already in essence approved the construction without giving us fair warning or chance to formally submit our objections.

Shame on you.

Here is our official objection but it is clearly too late to impact the decision due to the fact that the work is already underway.

The stated hours of work, especially at the weekend seems to be excessive. As homeowners who back onto the proposed road creation, we have already had to put up with an incredible amount of noise over the past three years. Initially with the new Stoney Bank Chase development, then subsequently with the property call ‘Millside’. This has meant that for three years we have not been able to use our own back garden. We have been unable to put out washing or have the windows at the back of the house open. This has been due to the sheer volume of noise as well as the dust created from the building work as well as the smoke generated from the bonfires that were lit to dispose of rubbish on the new property site of ‘Millside’.

This road creation and subsequent use thereof, and the erection of the property itself will just add to the amount of time we cannot use our own garden or relax in our own home. To clear the area and create the foundations for the property will require a significant amount of digging, drilling and excavation via heavy plant machinery. All of which will be incredibly noisy and will be for a significant duration.

Additionally, during clearance, foundation creation and building of the property numerous wagons will be required which will mean even more noise for residents as they travel along the proposed road which is at the rear of our property.

Looking at the plans for the property, many, many wagons will be required to deliver enough materials to site for the size of the building being erected. The wagons going along the proposed access road is incredibly unfair on us residents who back onto the proposed track and have already had to put up with so much disruption to our lives over the past three years.

As we are homeowners which back onto the proposed road creation, we are extremely worried about the structural integrity of the wall which the road is being built on. There has been no structural assessment of the wall or any verification from a structural or civil Engineer as to whether the wall will be able to withstand a significant amount of heavy plant machinery.

The proposed road is also incredibly narrow. We are fearful of both the collapse of the wall due to the traffic which will be traveling on it plus the added fear of a wagon falling off the road and landing in our garden or worst still, crashing into our property.

There has been no detailed assessment of these risks, these are incredibly significant risks, yet they have been ignored.

Our garden runs along the side of the proposed narrow road. Therefore it is conceivable that we could be attempting to maintain our garden when a wagon is delivering material to site and it conceivable that we would have to take evasive action to prevent injury to ourselves.

There is a protected tree on the entrance to the proposed access road. This has already received significant damage from the owner of the ‘Millside’ property who has removed many branches from it without gaining the appropriate permission. Now, with the creation of this access route, the roots of the protected tree are going to be decimated. Additionally, the heavy machinery/wagons which will be frequenting the site will also further damage and destroy the root structure. In this climate emergency, destroying an old and protected tree is incomprehensible.

The area where the house is planned will also need an incredible number of trees as well as a significant amount of green space to be removed. Again, this is unintelligible.

The plans for the proposed access road make no reference to any drainage system. This again is something of a major concern to us homeowners. The building of the property ‘Millside’ has taken away a natural soakaway which has now resulted in our garden flooding whenever there is heavy rain. The proposed access road will only add to this flooding issue as there will be no drainage to remove the water. This means that the rainwater will run off the road into our garden adding to our misery.

Traffic travelling to the site via Stoney Bank Lane will also be a significant inconvenience to residents. There have been numerous occasions where Stoney Bank Lane has been blocked due to deliveries of building materials or plant machinery to the Stoney Bank Chase development and the erection of the property ‘Millside’.

This has resulted in me personally being late to work on three separate occasions in the space of a two-week period in 2019. I had to call the police on one occasion due to

the road being totally blocked by a delivery wagon.

We, the residents of Old Mill Lane and Stoney Bank Lane, have also missed many bin collections due to the road being blocked by wagons. This will be the same problem we face again, when vehicles are attempting to access the building site along the very narrow road that this being proposed. The wagons will need to conduct significant manoeuvres to access the proposed road and therefore will block the access out of and into Stoney Bank Lane and Old Mill Lane while they do this.