



Objection to building proposals

Application number 2021/93621

The latest government proposals are that everyone should be within 15 minutes of a green space - this is a perfect example of a natural green space being destroyed.

Re-wilding is now at the forefront of environment policy, this land and hillside is a natural wild area and the habitat of many species of birds and wildlife: deer are seen regularly, newts, bats (a protected species), foxes and owls.

This development will be built within a conservation area, recognised for the contribution it makes to the cultural heritage of the locality. This land forms the foreground to views of the conservation area of Golcar from Wellhouse, the Colne Valley, and long stretches of the Colne Valley circular walk. This development would ruin this aspect of the old historical part of Golcar which includes listed buildings, the Colne Valley Museum, St John's Church and many weavers cottages. The area mainly consists of small weavers cottages or mill worker cottages, therefore modern 3 and 4 bed properties are not in keeping, will be out of character, and will not enhance the quality and character of the area. These dwellings, will not be affordable to many local people.

This development is for 12 houses, increased from the original plans of 10 houses, with access from the end of Fullwood Drive, a narrow cul de sac already reduced to single lane traffic due to residents cars and is not suitable for a larger volume of through traffic.

I note that the applicants have answered NO to the question

"Are there trees or hedges on the proposed development site?" There are trees and hedges although several trees have already been destroyed and removed. Do any of these trees have TPOs?

There is Japanese Knotweed, Indian Balsam, and asbestos, and yellow archangel.

The local junior schools are already overstretched, there is now only one doctors surgery in the village, and this development will lead to more pressure on these services. Emergency vehicles may find it difficult to get through.

The roads leading to Golcar village, to Brook Lane and to schools and doctors surgery have no pavements or footpaths and can be dangerous to children walking to school, or visits to the doctor. An increase in housing will mean more pedestrians on these narrow dangerous roads. The historic water, drainage and sewage system in this area was not built to cope with the amount of new drainage that will be required for this development. There is surface water running constantly in this area, there are natural springs in the field, and further development could have a big impact on this. It turns to ice in cold weather and is dangerous.

I wish to strongly object to this application.