

Subject Ref. Planning application 2021/94057

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I am raising an objection to this application, which if agreed will have a major detrimental impact on the village.

An objective of this application is to use a "Haul Road" as a device to open up traffic route from Coal Pit Lane (part of the conservation area), into the field involved in this and earlier applications.

Our conservation area must be protected for future generations., Classed as a "Heritage Asset", it is of economic value to the community, Kirklees and the region.

Access to the "Haul Road".

The location plan 2021/94057 id.901992 indicates access to Coal Pit Lane, at its-mid-point, a 90o blind bend. This is adjacent to the entrance of the Recreation Ground and to a key footpath, linking the Upper and Lower parts of the village. Both must be crossed to get to the "Haul Road". Making it a hazard to pedestrians.

--Demolition of a section of boundary wall between the field and the footpath, in the last few days, has doubled the width of an existing gate opening at this point.

--A large residential mobile home, just delivered by heavy "low loader" required hazardous manoeuvring and tractor assistance to position it in the field, threatening the foundations and fabric of a "listed building" in the process.

Usage of the "Haul Road"

A Haul Road" is:- " A temporary road within a contractors site area for the movement of construction materials, machinery, and labour, around the site". This definition implies very heavy loading of Coal Pit Lane used as a feeder road.

Coal Pit Lane.

At the heart of the Conservation Area, it is a narrow ancient cart-track. Period features abut directly on to it - dry stone walls and buildings, including a grade 2 listed property.

The condition of the lane is very bad. Built on rudimentary foundations, the surface is potholed, broken up, and subsiding.

Gas, water pipes and sewers, cross the lane at various depths - Poorly mapped with a history of damage.

Too narrow for a causeway, there is also no drainage system.

Any increase to current usage is unsustainable.

Increased stress loading, and vibration, will accelerate structural damage.

Safety.

With only light traffic, the road is mostly used by pedestrians.

Children accompanied and unaccompanied going to school and playing in and around the recreation ground.

For exercise & leisure.

Dog walkers etc.

Kirklees Council is bound by similar obligations to those placed on Private Property (see "Listed Buildings and Conservation Area Act"; and 'The Upper Denby Conservation Appraisal')

"They have a responsibility for Roadways, Footpaths and Pedestrian way; together with their safety and harmony with surrounding".

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