

Address: 13 Ebury Street Batley WF17 0LW

About the application

Application number: 2021/94280	
What is the application for?:	Erection of 65 dwellings with associated works
Address of the site or building:	land at, Lady Ann Road, Soothill, Batley, WF17 0PY
Postcode:	WF10 1LD

User comments

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<p>I really did not expect to have to be writing to the planning committee again with regard to Lady Ann Road, and the plan to build houses on a greenfield site which has redeveloped its wildlife and wild flower population in recent years. Builders always seem to be happy to say that they will take care to preserve the wildlife in the area whilst construction is taking place – they obviously do not seem to understand that the noise they make is enough to make that wildlife disappear.</p> <p>We often include this road as part of our walk – admittedly we have not had as many walks in the last few weeks with the amount of rain we have seen, but when we have walked we have been made well aware of how much the beck has overflowed its bank in the last few weeks and how much the water has spread over the field – even the wooden bridge across the beck has been overwhelmed by it. It also has to be noted that there are several springs on the field.</p> <p>It is interesting to note that when those hoping to develop the site were observing the traffic it was not done at what would normally be called rush hour, and the day they counted pedestrians was very wet. As mentioned, the time they chose to monitor traffic was not the best as regards rush hour and I wonder if they noted how often buses, heavy lorries and occasionally farm equipment used the road. Lady Ann Road is a mere 6 metres wide and the people who live on the road have to park their cars on the street because the majority of them have nowhere else to park. The people hoping to build on the site are suggesting that they will be providing space for almost 200 cars. Whilst I accept that they will not all be leaving the site within a short space of time it has to be remembered that during rush hour times and school times there is a great deal of traffic on Soothill Lane, and that often that traffic is jammed solid. Also, as regards pedestrians, school pupils use these roads and pavements as well as well as people going for walks or walking their dogs at various times of the day.</p> <p>If this firm is so keen to be building houses surely it would be better for them to use a brownfield site and preferably one which is not going to be affected by regular bouts of flooding. That way our wildlife would be protected, and Lady Ann Road would continue to be a safe road for traffic and pedestrians to use at all times of the day.</p>	