

Address: 15 Primrose Hill Batley WF17 0QA

About the application

Application number: 2021/94280	
What is the application for?:	Erection of of 67 dwellings with associated works
Address of the site or building:	land at, Lady Ann Road, Soothill, Batley, WF17 0PY
Postcode:	WF10 1LD

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
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I wholeheartedly object to the proposed development of the land at Lady Ann Road. As a local resident, I am concerned about the effect a further housing development will have on the local area, environment, traffic and wildlife.

Firstly, I do not need to bring to your attention that the proposed development has been rejected numerous times, with the developers coming back each year with a minor adjustment to the number of proposed homes to be built on the site. These amendments do not take into account or outweigh any of the myriad of reasons to object such a proposal. With so much land and green space being sold to developers locally, to create more and more unaffordable and unnecessary new-build houses, I cannot understand why yet another development is warranted.

As I have touched upon above, the implications on the environment and local wildlife in the area would be massive should the development go ahead. There are protected trees and a number of species of wildlife (including some of which being protected) making the land their home, having been there for many years. Why should this be disrupted and another habitat torn up in favour of more houses?

The proposal mentions that there is no flood risk, however, Lady Ann Road floods several times a year due to the beck overflowing when we've had dramatic rainfall. Additionally, the proposal mentions that there will be no significant impact on traffic in the area, however, I cannot understand this as the traffic in the area is already an absolute nightmare! There is one way in and one way out (Soothill Lane) which is bad enough at busy times but getting to Soothill Lane can be almost impossible due to narrow lanes, parked cars and the fact that the area is a bus route. An additional 67 homes would only add to this (with an average of 1 car per home, this would have a significant effect). Furthermore, parking is very difficult in the area, with there being more vehicles than parking space so, again, an additional 67 homes can only exacerbate this.

The residents on Primrose Hill already get limited sunlight due to the railway embankment in front of these properties so, building a further 67 homes (3 storey i may add) on the land behind will have a significant impact on light, privacy and wellbeing for these residents as they will be overlooked and overshadowed by a large housing estate.

The noise, disruption and pollution caused as a result of yet another large housing development would have a dramatic effect on the environment and seems completely insane, in a world where we are all being told to 'be more green'.

Finally, I must add that the last couple of years have made getting out and about and enjoying green space and nature all the more important, everyone has become more aware of the importance of time outside the hustle and bustle of the city, however, with the amount of houses being built in the area and this proposed development, it seems Batley is destined to become a concrete jungle where it was once a small and pleasant semi-rural town! I urge you to reject the proposal again this time around!