

8 Kinnaird Close
Soothill
BATLEY
WF17 6HL
7th January 2021

Dear Sir

Re: Planning Application 2021/94280 – 67 Dwellings & works at Lady Ann Rd.

I strongly object to this development

1. I have lived in Soothill for over 70 years and am a frequent visitor to Lady Ann Road. As a school girl in the 1950s the quickest way to BGGs school was to cross the beck but this was often not possible due to flooding. I have seen the beck flood many times and, like anyone else familiar with the area, would not consider buying any house built here because I know it would either flood or be cut off by flood waters. I think it is morally wrong to allow building on land with such flood history, which I expect to become worse due to climate change.
2. Building 3 storey houses on a slope this steep would dominate Lady Ann Road leaving its residents feeling threatened and as if Big Brother were watching over them. It would completely alter the character of the neighbourhood and transform it into a place where nobody would want to live.
3. The site is a pleasant green open space which is home to endangered species in addition to providing a recreation area for residents. It has proved invaluable to both mental and physical health during the Covid19 lockdown. We have a duty to protect such assets and not desecrate them.
4. The present infrastructure cannot cope – traffic is often backed well up Soothill Lane from Hick Lane junction as far as Solway Road. Local roads leading from Lady Ann Road in to Soothill Lane ie Grace Leather Lane, Broomdale Road, Clutton Street and including Lady Ann Road, are virtually single track roads with cars parked along the roadsides. Thus the extra traffic will bring safety issues to residents living along them.
5. When the 366 houses being built around Lydgate School in Upper Soothill are completed there will be total gridlock in the area. Access in to Soothill Lane from Lady Ann area will be even more difficult and dangerous. Living here will be a complete nightmare.

Yours faithfully

