

Dear Sir,

22 DECEMBER 2021

YOUR REF: PLANNING APPLICATION 2021/94280  
ERECTION OF 67 DWELLINGS AT LADY ANN ROAD WF17 0PY

We wish to object for the following reasons:

#### TRAFFIC CONGESTION

We have lived in Soothill for over 60 years and have noticed the traffic worsening year by year. This development would adversely affect everyone living in or travelling through Soothill. "Rush hour" can last from 3 - 6 P.M. and traffic is back up as far as Manor Farm Drive. We have to choose our time to go to Batley town centre or waste an hour on what should be a 10 minute trip. When there is a problem on the motorway there is gridlock from J28 along Leeds Road, all down Soothill Lane + beyond. This problem is set to become much worse due to the housing development off Soothill Lane (at the back of Lydgate Lodge) which, when it is completed, will put several hundred extra cars per day onto Soothill Lane. Add to that the 1600+ housing development off Leeds Road at Chidswell + the result will be a nightmare. We consider it irresponsible to build, knowing that another 67 houses will increase traffic beyond a level which is already unbearable.

#### LOSS OF AMENITY

About 20 years ago "City Challenge" designated Batley as an area in need of improvement and funded the planting of trees on Lady Ann Road so as to improve the quality of life for residents. Have things improved so much in Batley that we can now afford to destroy all these trees and replace them with bricks + tarmac? There are precious few areas of greenery in Batley without destroying this one. Replacing the greenery with concrete will do nothing to improve the well-being of the residents, who make good use of the space and it has been particularly beneficial since lockdown. There is also rare wildlife on the plot + it should be protected for future generations.

Yours faithfully,