

L MANOR FARM DRIVE
SOOTHILL
BATLEY WF17 6HE

8TH JANUARY 2023

Dear Sir,

PLANNING APPLICATION 2021/94280

65 HOUSES AT LADY ANN ROAD WF17 0PY

We wish to object for the following reasons:

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 - for dog walking and children playing. There is also rare wildlife on the plot + it should be protected for future generations.

TRAFFIC CONGESTION

We have lived in Soothill for over 60 years and have noticed the traffic worsening year by year. This development would affect adversely everyone living in or travelling through Soothill. We have to choose our time to go to Batley town centre or waste an hour on what should be a 10 minute trip. There can be gridlock from J28 on the M62 along Leeds Road + all down Soothill Lane. This problem is set to become much worse due to the housing development off Soothill Lane (at the back of Lydgate Lodge), which, when 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 another 65 houses, knowing that it will increase traffic beyond a level which is already unbearable.

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FLOODING

We have known the site to flood frequently + it would be stupid to inflict the misery of flooding on new residents when there are safer alternatives elsewhere.

Yours faithfully,

