Address: 4 Cuckoo Lane Holmfirth HD9 6AS

About the application

Application number: 2021/94590	
What is the application for?:	Demolition of existing building and erection of two storey Ea/b/ Sui Generis bui
Address of the site or building:	Lane Head Hill, Honley, HD9 6BS
Postcode:	HD4 6XT

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The development of the property in question will severely impinge the quality of life of nearby residents in a number of ways.

Firstly, the demolition and reconstruction of the building will cause traffic issues on both the main road of Westgate and side road of Cuckoo Lane. The area is already exceptionally busy, at school start/finish times and in the evenings. Adding construction traffic to this will only further increase the pressure on the highways, causing backlogs of traffic which results in increased risk to pedestrians using the highways. This will also cause problems for emergency services which may need to use the two mentioned highways, especially the ambulance service given the retirement home at the top of the road.

Secondly, parking in and around the village centre is already limited for residents. The car park at the bottom of Cuckoo Lane, adjacent to the proposed development, although public is used as parking for the 6 properties and the residents of Cuckoo Lane. If the proposed plans go ahead, staff and customers would utilise these parking spaces forcing residents to move to nearby Thirstin Road. The result of this is cars being double parked along Thirstin road which again causes congestion. This, again, can lead to limited access for emergency services and due to the number of lanes leading off Thirstin Road, the risk of limited vision to drivers turning onto the road could result in accidents for vehicles and pedestrians.

Thirdly, access to the building and exit from the building is straight out onto the road. This clearly creates a hazard and risks the lives and wellbeing of both drivers and pedestrians.

Fourthly, the plans do not show any parking spaces that are designed for delivery vehicles. It can therefore be assumed that delivery vehicles will stop on the road and block the highway which will cause further congestion and can result in other road users to attempt risky manoeuvres which will in turn risk lives of other road users.

Finally, the plans demonstrate that the second floor of the building will exceed the height of the neighbouring garden wall on Cuckoo Lane. This will greatly impact on the wellbeing of all residents using this garden. It should not be expected for local residents to compromise their quality of life for the sake of another cafe in a village that already has an abundance of businesses of this nature.