

Address: 9 Primrose Gardens Batley WF170PZ

### About the application

Application number: 2021/93311	
What is the application for?:	Erection of new footbridge, ramps and stairs (within a Conservation Area)
Address of the site or building:	Land between, Rutland Road, Howley Street, Primrose Hill, Batley
Postcode:	YO1 6JT

### User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	No

By definition, a conservation area is “an area of notable environmental or historical interest or importance, which is protected by law against undesirable changes.”

The area surrounding Lady Anne bridge is one which is peaceful, quiet, and beautiful. There is a reason why it was classed as a conservation area in the first place. It matches the beauty of the area we were born and raised in, and will most certainly not be the same if a footbridge is built. Batley town has hundreds of people who are active walkers, who search for public walkways within areas of natural beauty. Lady Anne crossing is one which makes these walking trails unique.

By building a footbridge, it merely eliminates the need to employ somebody to open the gates. How else would it be a benefit? The simple words “thank you” and “have a nice day” to the gentleman who opens the gates are ways which social interaction is being kept alive. Social interaction that we have with people these days is already becoming lost. How can we thank a footbridge every time we walk over it? How can we teach our children and the future generations to interact, if we keep replacing people with machines and “easier” options?

Not only will the footbridge be an eyesore, it will result in a disruption of the peace and tranquility that we have in the area surrounding Lady Ann road. All you have to do is walk and you can hear nature, water falling, and a comfortable silence. It is almost guaranteed that the construction period will cause noise pollution, which is something that residents living locally will most certainly not appreciate.

I am proud of where I live. The main reason being that it is a beautiful place. I regularly walk and take friends and relatives from cities who do not have a chance to experience nature in a raw form like we have in Batley. I would like to keep doing so. The area of Lady Anne will not be the same if you begin making changes to this conservation area. If you begin making these changes now, who knows what changes may happen in the future? Please do not build this footbridge.

I hope my comments are taken into consideration.