



The plan would spoil the natural environment. At time when Kirklees is planning cycle lanes and walkways to reduce traffic and therefore pollution, this plan completely goes against other expensive plans of the council. The environment in the area is made up of fields interspersed with housing and a limited number of commercial buildings. This environment would be completely changed and the tenuous balance of green environment and buildings would be spoiled. The land comprises of fields and trees and the area, which has lost much of its green spaces already, would be changed forever to a built-up urban landscape. The Kirklees Way passes directly through this area and covering the area in buidings and their ensuing traffic would be detrimental to people who wish to use the paths.

The plan appears to have high buildings on land that rises sharply. This would overpower the neighbouring houses and be unsightly as well as causing loss of privacy. The buildings appear to be near to housing which could cause noise disturbance both from work in the units as well as from traffic.

At present it can be very difficult at times to get out of Weatherhill Road onto Lindley Moor Road, particularly when there are issues on the M62. Further exits and entries onto Lindley Moor Road would mean increased delays and frustrations for drivers and would impact on surrounding roads. This increase in traffic would be dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists and go directly against current government guidance and Kirklees plans to create a healthier lifestyle for its residence. The bus service is very limited in this area and therefore any workplaces would most likely require car jounies further increasing traffic and pollution.

Living conditions for residents would undoubtedly be worsened greatly by this proposed development in many ways including the loss of light for residents of Alderstone Rise as well as the noise and disturbance caused by the industrial workplaces. However, the worst problem of all must surely be from the pollution. Some years ago, pollution levels at Ainley Top were shown to be above the safe levels for healthy living. These pollution levels have been increased by the number of industrial buildings and housing and subsequent increased traffic that the area has seen in recent years and this would be exacerbated by yet more building and traffic in the area. At a time when a link between pollution and asthma and dementia have been shown, it would be extremely inappropriate for the Local Authority to agree to such plans.

I suggest that Kirklees considers planting trees on this area and showing that it is concerned about the health and wellbeing of its residents. I would also recommend that solar pannels or even wind turbines might be placed here. If neither of these solutions seems fitting, perhaps Kirklees could set up a council farm to help address the need for the UK to provide more of its own resources. This council farm could provide training or assistance with mental health issues for Kirklees residents.