

About the application

Application number: 2022/91735	
What is the application for?:	Outline application for erection of 80 dwellings and associated work, including
Address of the site or building:	Land off, Hermitage Park, Lepton, Huddersfield, HD8 0JU
Postcode:	

User comments

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It is all well and good to consider the impacts of HS3 alone which proposes 312 houses (phase 1 80), but the total number of houses planned with the additional developments in Lepton will be approximately 3 times that number. This is what should be looked at before any of these sites are approved for construction.

There are many grounds for objecting to the Lepton developments in their entirety but the main ones in my opinion are:

1. There is no promise of provision of additional school places in the local pyramid. Indeed, one of the local secondary schools has been closed recently.
2. The GP surgeries in Lepton and Kirkburton are already extremely busy with getting appointments very difficult even when COVID 19 was not with us. There are similar issues with dental surgeries, especially NHS provision.
3. The entire development will mean at least 7 years of disruption for Lepton and Fenay Bridge.
4. There are likely to be increased problems with flooding as the current sewerage system fails to cope adequately with existing housing numbers. Beldon Brook is at risk of receiving huge volumes of run-off water from the HS3 site.
5. Rowley Lane is a narrow, twisting road that is used by all manner of vehicles including farm vehicles, buses and HGVs. On street parking is problematical especially at school start and finish times. The proposed HS3 site access via Hermitage Park is especially dangerous as it is on a blind bend where Rowley Lane is very narrow and opposite the day nursery school.
6. Public transport from Lepton down Rowley Lane and onto Penistone Road has been significantly reduced in recent years (83, 84 buses) so increasing the necessity for car trips to the Kirkburton area.
7. Prior to the adoption of the Kirklees Local Plan, there is strong evidence provided by local councillors that the total number of new houses needed in Kirklees is around 66% of the original estimate demanded by central government. This should be revisited before any developments are approved.
8. Penistone and Wakefield Roads serving Lepton are both very busy all day but become notorious bottlenecks at peak times. The significant additional vehicles that will result on completion of all the developments will increase congestion massively with obvious negative impacts on air quality and road safety. KMC 's proffered solutions to use (reduced) public transport, cycle or walk everywhere are risible.