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I am writing to strongly oppose the application to build 80 new houses behind Hermitage Park (HS3) on the following grounds:

Prematurity - this development is part of a wider scheme of development (master plan) which requires most of the traffic to be taken down through HS3 and HS2 to a new roundabout on Penistone Lane. This infrastructure MUST be in place BEFORE any development begins. Hermitage Park is a cul-de-sac and is not fit for purpose to be an access point for in excess of 160 vehicles. Exiting Hermitage Park is already difficult due to poor visibility and is very close to a large primary school. At drop off and pick up times, the T Junction at Hermitage Park is extremely dangerous and regardless of what mitigation the council or the developers promise to put in place to mitigate the dangers, nothing will change parents parking irresponsibly, ignoring double yellow lines etc. Adding additional vehicles without the wider and necessary infrastructure in place will increase dangers and ultimately result in a child being killed. Additionally, any vehicles relating to the development/builders will need access through Hermitage Park and will not be able to get through as there are often vehicles parked on both sides of the road, only allowing a single car through.
Accessing Penistone Road from Rowley Lane is already extremely difficult, increasing vehicle numbers as a result of the development without the roundabout/infrastructure being in place will be disastrous.
If HS3 goes ahead it must only do so at the same time and in conjunction with HS2.

Local Services - GP's, Dentists and schools are not able to cope with current demand, with schools already being over subscribed. Extension/uplifts to facilities MUST be in place BEFORE any development begins. It beggars belief King James has literally just been extended to accommodate Almondbury students but the proposals for the masterplan were not factored into this in any way. The appalling lack of any sort of joined up approach between council functions really is quite staggering when the council have agreed in principle to a development of this scale.

Kirklees Strategy - the plans under the Kirklees strategy is to 'make our roads better', 'make our roads greener' and 'make our roads safer'. If Kirklees support this application, they will be flouting their own strategy - increasing pollution, increasing danger on the roads and increasing traffic volume. This naturally will impact on local peoples health.

Biodiversity - the proposal is to build properties only 15m from Lepton Great Wood, which is a haven for a myriad of wildlife. As a regular walker through the woods and nature enthusiast, I know for a fact just by the nature of large scale development, our precious wildlife in the woods will be scared off by the noise and are unlikely to return.

Flooding - despite best efforts of the developers, rain water will run off the development into Beldon Brook and into Fenay Beck significantly increasing flood risk to properties.

Hermitage Park has already experienced problems
with water pouring from the fields, any development there will only exacerbate this issue. This issue has been evidenced in many other developments across the UK, despite mitigation, and in a world which is witnessing climate change this will only become a significant issue.

Regards

Sent from my iPhone