

About the application

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

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	Yes
<p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment again on the current proposals for HS3. While I understand the need for more housing.in Kirklees I remain opposed to the development of such a uniquely beautiful site given its location immediately adjacent to Lepton Great Wood, an ancient woodland and site of special scientific interest. If that battle is lost then at the very least I would hope that Kirklees would try to limit the damage to the local environment by ensuring a wider buffer zone between the boundary of the woods and the new development . At the moment the buffer zone is at the minimum of 15 metres development offset plus a 5 metre housing offset. I note that during the consultation process a more generous buffer zone has been requested in several submissions including those from local people, local parish councillors, and the Woodlands trust. Similarly government guidelines urge that this is given special considerations in environmentally sensitive locations such as this one, and yet the buffer zone remains particularly narrow.</p> <p>Lepton Great Wood is an important recreational resource for Kirklees people and is riddled with numerous official and un-official footpaths, all offering wonderful opportunities for enjoying nature and the vistas over the surrounding countryside. Take for example the well walked footpath on the west of the wood which offers wonderful views across the valley toward Woodsome Hall.....a view so worthwhile that an earlier government inspector ruled it should be retained in perpetuity...yet it is again in jeopardy. The latest plan from the developers offers a buffer zone of a mere 20 metres from the edge of the wood to the first walls of the new development (See Plots 51,40 and 13).</p> <p>A more generous buffer zone is the least Kirklees could offer the residents of Kirklees and the wildlife of the woodland. Those views across the valley , once gone, will be gone for all future generations, and for all time. If a more generous buffer zone cannot be granted then losing three plots would be a small gesture the developers might like to consider.</p> <p>Please Kirklees....this is a big one!</p>	