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To: Local Development <Local.Development@kirklees.gov.uk>

Subject: Planning Application reference: 12022/N/91847/W

I enclose below a copy of the email I sent to Kirklees concerning the demolition of 20 Springwood Road on 27.7.20.

For the attention of Laura Yeadon

I am concerned that this planning application has been ongoing since 2011 and that local residents have never been openly informed at any stage or advised of relevant planning committee dates.

I disagree that the building which the applicant proposes to demolish 'is in a poor state of repair', and believe that the subsequent noise and disturbance involved would have a very negative impact on this residential area. There has been a great deal of development in this area which has been detrimental to the natural environment and caused a surge in traffic on this narrow and busy road which also adjoins Holmfirth High School.

Although the applicant states that she wishes to 'free up space around her current dwelling' and form an extension to her garden, it is not clear how this could be as achieved as the property to be demolished is 20 Springwood Road and the applicant's address is 14 Springwood Road, quite some distance away.

Over the years developers have sought to gain access to the meadow/pasture land (owned by the I believe) which borders on the properties on Springwood Road, including numbers 14 and 20, and I fear that, by demolishing number 20, access would in fact be created and inevitably lead to development applications that would impact hugely on the character of the area and effect the living conditions of many local residents.

I hope that my comments are acceptable and look forward to hearing from you.

I have copied it to avoid repeating myself, as the same applicant (S P A C E architecture and design on behalf of Ms Ruth Hellawell) is now claiming that 18 Springwood Road is also in a poor state of repair (although it could easily be put right in my opinion) and that once again the purpose of the application is to extend the garden by removing a perfectly good home.

I am concerned that to demolish yet another property will ultimately give rise to development of the green and wild pasture space which has bordered 20 and 18 Springwood Road for at least 40 years, by allowing access from the extended gardens, and that this will then be followed by an application to demolish yet another property (16 Springwood Road). Many mature trees bordering this land have already been removed.

I hope you will consider the points I have raised and advise me of the outcome of the planning application. I am still rather concerned that this planning application has been ongoing and that local residents have never been openly informed at any stage or advised of relevant planning committee dates, despite my interest in 2020.

I raised my objections to HVPC on 6 June 2020 and note that their comment was that 'The Parish Council is disappointed by the loss of a small property'.