

About the application

Application number: 2022/92406	
What is the application for?:	Erection of 10 affordable dwellings, with access from Chapelgate and associated
Address of the site or building:	Land Adj, 67, Chapelgate, Scholes, Holmfirth, HD9 1SX
Postcode:	HD9 3BW

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
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Although we fully appreciate the need for affordable, eco-friendly housing, we strongly disagree with using green-belt land as the designated site and feel that brown field would be much more appropriate for such a development. It's a worry that once a green-belt site is built on, it will open up acceptance in using such land for other projects with the 'green' and 'local people' label. The following points should surely be taken into consideration before decisions are made?

-The loss of existing wild-life, biodiversity and community green space should surely be a priority when considering siting such housing, especially with increased awareness of the importance of natural spaces which should be protected by their designated 'Green Belt' label.

-Flooding issues on the site and down Dean Bridge Lane is already a problem which may be exacerbated by yet more building.

-The road safety issues due to the site being on a notoriously dangerous bend. Entering and exiting the new development would be extremely risky due to the blind corner.

-Parking issues as Chapelgate already gets extremely busy with events at the Cricket Club and parking for school drop off and pick up. There would also be increased traffic through the narrow streets of Scholes, which in many places lack pedestrian footways. In winter, access to Scholes via Cross Gate Lane often becomes impassable which leaves the only viable access using Scholes Moor Road via Hade Edge and it is something that new residents will need to be aware of. The local roads are just not suitable for a large amount of traffic, having been built for a small amount of residential and farm vehicles.

As there are very few jobs in the local area, I am presuming that efficient travel via vehicle will be necessary to the new residents too.

-More pressure on the Scholes water/ sewerage infrastructure. Both this and the traffic has already been greatly impacted by the construction of the Miller Homes development on Cross Lane/ Ryecroft and will no doubt be further effected by any future development in the village.

Scholes area already suffers from frequent power disruption to electricity, so extra houses will just complicate issues further.

-The village has already been over-developed and these proposed new developments will put additional pressure onto local amenities such as schools, doctors, dentists etc. Scholes really is at capacity.

-Finally, the aesthetics of yet more building.....Scholes is an area of great natural beauty and features in several local walks and cycle rides, attracting visitors to the area. Any further development of this area creates an almost continuous stretch of housing from Holmfirth, right out into the countryside, extending towards Hepworth.