

Address: 31 Wickleden Gate Holmfirth HD9 1QT

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	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	No
<p>As a resident of Scholes I most strongly object to the proposed development. Kirklees local plan policy 19.2 makes clear that there is a presumption against development on Green Belt land except in very special circumstances, which obviously do not apply in this case. While this piece of land was once in use, it is now completely wild and has significant public amenity value. Building on it will cause the loss of yet more biodiversity and open space in the area. The village character of Scholes is gradually being eroded by overdevelopment, placing increasing pressure on its roads, school and other very limited facilities.</p> <p>There are only two ways to get from Scholes to the wider Holmfirth area: via Dunford Road or the much longer route, Greenhill Bank Road to New Mill. At times the former has tailbacks of 20 to 30 minutes, and the latter is a narrow country road where cars can't pass each other in many places. These roads cannot cope with a significant increase in traffic.</p> <p>The junction of Chapelgate and Dean Bridge Lane is dangerous. Both roads are narrow and without pavements. Vehicles often accelerate up the lane and the turn onto Chapelgate is a blind corner. With potentially 20 or more cars entering and exiting the access road the likelihood of accidents will be substantially increased.</p> <p>The plans show the access route for waste collection, with a right angle turn into it. Chapelgate at that point is about 6.5 metres wide, and often less because nearby dwellings don't have drives, so vehicles are often parked on the road. It is difficult to envisage how a waste collection truck could easily reverse into it.</p>	