

About the application

Application number: 2022/62/92406/W	
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

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The small scale of this plan is welcome - in contrast to the much larger commercial developments already built in the Holme Valley. It will play a small part to meet housing need - young people are already leaving the valley to find housing they can afford. My family has lived in Scholes since the 1700s; the village has steadily grown over this time. The planned development will not overwhelm or alter the character of the area. At a time of rising energy costs, the homes in this plan aim to reduce heating costs and build to environmentally sound standards - again in sharp contrast with some commercial providers. In response to comments that the site is 'not ideal', I would say that the site adjoins current housing, is close to a school and was formerly quarried. This is often viewed by Government as 'previously used' (Hansard 25.10.2006), and has similarities with many brownfield sites. In other areas, use is being made of former quarries to meet the ever-increasing housing need eg at Monk Fryston, North Yorkshire where 18 houses were built, and some in the pipeline such as the stone quarry used for Lincoln Cathedral (75 homes). Looking at the site, it is obvious that it was not restored to its former natural state by the quarry owners on close of operations. The local authority is stipulating 2.5 car spaces per home; a smaller number would make more space for greenery, outdoor play and allotments.	