

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?	Yes

I strongly object to the application to build 10 “affordable dwellings” on the quarry site in Scholes, Holmfirth. Planning reference 2022/62/92406/W

The land is greenbelt on the Kirklees map and should not be built on. The plans, sugar coated as they are to try and meet certain exceptions are far from Eco or affordable.

This development would ruin the rural to urban transition as you enter/leave Scholes. The view and surroundings of the site create the backdrop to the area and our beautiful village. Adding cheap multiple dwellings will reduce the current charm and character. The dwellings will harm the openness of the Green Belt into the countryside. There really are no special circumstances to justify the development that would clearly outweigh the harm caused to the greenbelt.

The additional traffic generated by these homes is unthinkable on our already congested original village streets. It is a totally unnecessary over intensification of Deanbridge & Chapelgate roads that would be classed as substandard should they be constructed now. The access is immediately after/ prior to a blind bend following a very steep incline, it is unsafe and any access is not a suitable distance from the corner. Visibility for the roads safety should be priority, it just is not available here. Scholes preschool/before & after school club (open 7am - 6pm) is 50 yards away on White Wells Road. This area is already very busy with vehicles and pedestrians at many times of day without adding to it.

The site is suitably wild with many trees, plants & wildlife. It has always been used as a footpath accessing the school field above.

The site floods during the winter causing excess surface water and subsequent flooding down Dean Bridge.

These homes are not going to be for sale, the fact they are applied for as “affordable” politely put is misleading. They are to be managed by a housing association where the occupiers will be from Kirklees Council priority lists. The rents will undoubtedly be paid by the taxpayer.

Any comments in support of this application I suggest will be from people in allegiance with EcoHolmes, who do not live near to the site nor will they personally be affected. Therefore opinions are not based on personal experience & knowledge. I find the word “nimby” an insult to those that it will affect.

I am in disbelief as to why a Parish Council would wish to do this to a local village and at the amount of public/charity funds spent on the multiple reports supporting this application. It is nothing short of theft from those that pay the extra council tax levy to the parish council & from monies raised by previous sales.