

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 wish to lodge an objection against building 10 affordable homes on the Chipping's site.

I was lucky enough to grow up close to the old quarry. I spent most of my childhood playing outdoors. My friends all used to enjoy playing at my house, because we had adventures in the quarry and were able to use our imagination and be explorers. It was amazing to watch all the wildlife from our den at the top! It is disgraceful that something that has been enjoyed by children for generations, will be wiped out for the generations to come. At a time where children spend so much time on games in front of a television, areas like this should be encouraged to grow, and provide children with space to let their imagination run wild! My parents have pheasants sitting on their window ledge, woodpeckers on their tree. They've even had a Snowy owl sat on their washing line! They will never see this again in their lifetime if the bulldozers and diggers move in. Building on this site will obliterate all the habitats and no amount of new trees, bat boxes, bird boxes and the like, can compensate for what will be lost for many years to come!

The Chipping's is on a very bad bend. We had it instilled in us from a young age to go in from the field. Cars come at speed around the blind bend, and the T junction with White Wells Road only adds to the problem. It will be a nightmare putting an access road in just above. The increase in vehicles exiting and entering will most certainly lead to some serious accidents!

I visit Scholes regularly and the increase in traffic is already at stupid levels. It's stop, start, pulling in and out of parked cars, whichever way you enter the village. I have had a few near misses, as drivers have become very frustrated! The roads aren't suitable for the traffic that's on them now, never mind more. Buses are having to stop going through parts of New Mill, due to all the parked cars. Scholes won't be far behind if all the development continues! You can be waiting for 20 minutes if you're behind a bus or lorry. It's a nightmare.

I moved out of Scholes almost 10 years ago. I couldn't afford to buy a house in the area then, and that still remains the case! None of my friends live where they grew up. This proposal for 10 affordable houses wouldn't help me and my friends stay in the area we grew up in, as they are for rent. Why aren't EcoHolmes building a mix of affordable homes to buy, as well as to rent? You can't get more of a "local connection" than me and my siblings, who have also had to move out of the area!

This site is completely unsuitable, but there are loads of brownfield sites close by that EcoHolmes could use. They could then really make a difference for all the young families from Scholes and surrounding villages, if they used one of them. Just because the land is free, is a terrible reason to build! They should get a private developer on board too and make it a joint project. Half for first time buyers and half to rent. The funding for this proposal is coming from somewhere. It really isn't difficult!