

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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We strongly object to this development proposal that will destroy greenbelt and introduce further congestion to Scholes, which is already choking with traffic.

We note that the traffic survey conducted by Ecoholmes was carried out during the school holidays. There is crystal clear guidance from www.gov.uk on how and when traffic survey should be carried out to deliver realistic and relevant results.

"Surveys should be carried out during 'neutral' or representative months avoiding main and local holiday periods, local school holidays and half terms. Time periods should be 07:00-09:00 and 16:00-19:00 hrs." - In accordance with TAG Unit M1.2, section 3.3.6.

The traffic survey submitted by Ecoholmes does not follow this best practice and is absolutely not representative of the reality of the dire traffic situation within Scholes. It cannot and should not be used to support this proposal.

Ecoholmes traffic survey also states 'there will be no more than 6 cars exiting/entering the new development site at peak times' despite there being 10 properties with 22 parking spaces. So, why do they expect that all the new residents will not own cars or that they won't need to leave for/return from work at peak times?

This information provided by Ecoholmes has been tailored to support the development, but does not represent the reality of dangerous, and intolerable traffic congestion within the village. The local community is strongly opposed to this proposal, not on the grounds of providing affordable, sustainable housing but because Scholes does not have the capacity to absorb any further housing developments and the additional traffic they bring. Nor can it afford to lose any more precious and much needed greenbelt. There are main other more suitable sites within the Holme valley, including brownfield sites towards Huddersfield.

We strongly believe there are better uses of this land that preserve its greenbelt status, and will benefit the community, including retaining much needed open space for children.