

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

Type of comment: An objection	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	Yes
Good afternoon I was hoping not to have object to what may appear to some as a valid planning application to address some of our societal problems around housing and affordability..... and yet, I feel so strongly about the loss of a local amenity that I need to take a stand and call this one out. So, after many drafts - I'm going to try and keep this simple! First, let me say that I am most upset at how "the quarry" has been portrayed - if I had not been a frequent visitor over the last 18 years - I may have thought those proposing to build on said quarry were in deed talking about a different site. I mainly object to the proposed planning in order to conserve a unique local habit - please leave it alone. I have enjoyed the quarry over the last 18 years as someone who visits, walks and benefits from engaging with the unique space at different times of the day and year. Thus observing and experiencing a lot more than I might if not stopping to look, pause whilst walking dogs or watching the many bats that (I assume) live, if not in the beautiful rugged cliff face but elsewhere in the quarry. I also enjoy the site whilst out walking at night star gazing - I object to any development on the borders of Scholes what will compromise our night skies. I object to the proposed planning as it will uproot the trees and the landscape that has been left to establish itself and thereby cannot be replicated elsewhere - I object to the proposal to further interfere with soil and grassland to plant "alternatives" - please leave it alone. I object to the proposed planning as we will lose a unique characteristic (a quarry and all that lies and lives within it) in the area - please leave it alone to be enjoyed by the	

all that lies and lives within it) in the area - please leave it alone to be enjoyed by the next generation of walkers (with or without dogs).

I object because those of us who benefitted in the past from having access to such "wild" areas so close to where we live, plan, visit and wish to continue to grow our own unique relationship with nature, including the night sky should not really be having the final say:

what do the next generation actually think about losing the quarry – I imagine a lot of voices are not being heard – including those of the plants and animals.

If I am at danger of coming across a bit "hippyish" – I am far from it but having having been an allotmentee for over 30 years – don't even get me started on SOIL.

Thank you to anyone reading this - I appreciate it is not the most intelligent or well written - I am speaking from the heart not my mind - although my mind most certainly benefits from being taken down and into the quarry morning, noon and night - once you have experienced that - you would leave it alone.

I trust what I have written is received positively and if I had the money I would propose buying and gifting to the community generations - but I'm getting ahead of myself - and community co-operatives used to be part of my day job if your wondering.