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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I visited this site again today, and need to re emphasise our strong objections to this proposal. Scholes simply cannot absorb anymore traffic, and must maintain the little remaining greenbelt for the community, especially its children which need open space, and wildlife and diversity which need to be protected now more than ever. There is already too much development in this part of Holmfirth, including a enormous new estate being put up along Sheffield Road. The design of these homes is out of character with the surrounding area. The exit onto the existing lane presents unacceptable risk for pedestrians, including children walking to school, and the lane is too narrow to accomodate the increased traffic (including the increased need for heavy vehicles eg. Refuse collections, deliveries, tradesman etc) especially during peak times. There has also been no consideration of light pollution the new housing will bring within the greenbelt and alongside natural habitats - causing devastation for wildlife, and bio-diversity. This development puts too much strain on the Scholes infrastructure, and is the tipping point for the community. Additional builds will impact quality of life in the village and will cause the exit of long term residents, as Scholes is no longer the village where people want to live. Also, there must be absolute transparency on Councillor's involvement on this particular development. It is well known that a former director of EcoHolmes is now a key Councillor and a long time supporter of this proposal. This is not right, and needs full disclosure. It is not sufficient to say the Councillor will not be voting on the application. The damage has already been done through political influence, and generating wide reaching support for this proposal from outside of the Scholes community over the last 18 months. This is a clear conflict of interest and does not sit comfortably with the Scholes community. If the application is approved, which will be a disaster for Scholes, the roles of the Councillor (including previous EcoHolmes directships) in connection with this project, will need to be fully investigated explained, and documented. This will include how and to what extent support has been lobbied outside of the Scholes area by the Councillor and over what period of time.

Finally, we understand the need for new housing but why, why, why is more not being done on Huddersfield brownfield sites - there are plenty! Outskirts seriously need revitalising to attract young families, jobs and build vibrant communities. Huddersfield has been neglected, and is becoming an embarrassment to Yorkshire. But there is so much potential to improve, as well as build low cost eco homes of the future, that families want to live in. This is the sensible approach for new housing developments, and not destroy greenbelt, wildlife and suffocate established communities with traffic, and unacceptable risk to safety and wellbeing.