About the application

Application number: 2022/91822		
1	Modify Section 106 obligation relating to previous permission 2014/93014 for out	
Address of the site or building:	Land at Edgerton Road, Huddersfield, HD3 3AA	
Postcode:	LS21 1AQ	

Type of comment: An objection		
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I wish to object to this application. It shows how avaricious the developers actually are. Not content with buying the land speculatively for a very small sum, knowing it was a village green and was legally registered as such by the community. They then spent large sums of money in a David and Goliath struggle, employing barristers to deprive the community or a well-used community green space, one of the last in the area, in order to overturn the village green, and extinguish the historical footpaths. It is now unbelievable to find that the developers are trying to modify the s106 agreement to avoid paying monies to the community of Kirklees for affordable housing, education and public transport. The residents of Kirklees should not be subsidising the developer's profits, when the developer knew, when fighting the community for the site, what the difficulties would be and costs required to develop it. Given, the profits they will make, it is frankly quite outrageous they are trying to avoid honouring an agreement.

The supporting statement claims interest for intercompany loans all under the same directors from the same pot of finance. Sums for managing the site, when other than destroying some trees and bulldozing parts of the site, nothing has been done. The knotweed still exists along with other invasive species, which the community treated and kept under control when it was a village green.

I am also concerned, as was expressed back in 2014 and 2015, that the access points down Deveron Grove and Murray Road are too narrow and dangerous for heavy plant and large deliveries of building materials. I live on Queens Road and Deveron Grove is right on the bend, which is a hazardous entrance and access for normal traffic travelling up Queens Road. When Yorkshire Water were working on the sewers and drainage in Clayton Fields, they used Deveron Grove for access. When delivering heavy plant on a low loader, they found it almost impossible to get down to the fields and they damaged my wall and the bottom of the double driveway at 29/30 Queens road as there is little room to manoeuvre. Before any work is undertaken on site a thorough investigation and review of the access points should be undertaken. As part of a conservation area, the triangles of tree in the lower part of Queens Road should not be damaged in any way and I fail to see how they can be protected if large plant is moved on and off site using this access point.

I would urge the council to refuse this application and I would like access to the site to be given further consideration before any building work is undertaken Thank you