

About the application

Application number: 2022/92081	
What is the application for?:	Demolition of existing buildings and erection of retail food store with associat
Address of the site or building:	Land at, Huddersfield Road/Leeds Road, Birstall, Batley, WF17 9AA
Postcode:	

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
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<p>It's disgraceful that the terrace houses at this location have been allowed to get into this derelict state, yes they are an eyesore and so is the adjoining garage, but these plans are ridiculous! The cottages are in Birstall Conservation area and Kirklees Conservation Team (and local councillors) have known for years how neglected they were. The bathroom and kitchen fittings were removed by the owners several years ago, presumably so the properties were exempt from Council Tax! Why was this allowed? If anyone is to blame for the eyesore they have become it's Kirklees! Kirklees pander to the company who own them rather than do their duty and care for the Conservation area and enforce the owners to do repairs, or even compulsory purchase them. In the Conservation appraisal of the area some years ago those cottages were mentioned as being an unsightly gateway to Birstall, why didn't the Conservation officers act upon those recommendations then! Instead of allowing a supermarket at this location Kirklees should insist those cottages are restored and turned into small retail units, the old garage next to them could become a car park for them. Birstall doesn't need another supermarket, they already have Tesco, Coop, M&S and plans for Lidl too. And it's debatable whether the locals could afford Sainsburys prices anyway. But before any plans are approved someone from Highways needs to actually visit the site at peak times and see the chaos that already exists there! If a superstore is built the chaos will only get worse!</p>	