

About the application

Application number: 2023/90317	
What is the application for?:	Outline application for erection of residential development and formation of a s
Address of the site or building:	84, Longwood Gate, Longwood, Huddersfield, HD3 4US
Postcode:	

User comments

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<p>I have lived at Longwood Gate for years and my partner has lived there for years. We, along with other Longwood Gate residents, are not only concerned about the proposed entry and exit to this development, but also, the fact that if the current planning application is granted, there will be a more than a high probability that further planning applications to upgrade the development, could give property developers access to the urban greenspace behind the proposed dwellings, with a view to using the land for housing.</p> <p>Longwood Gate is an out of town residential street with a speed limit of 30 mph. It is a very busy street, one way leads towards Huddersfield Town centre and the other towards the busy M62. There are no parking restrictions which leads to traffic jams and restricted visibility for the very few residents who have driveways to their properties, this includes my partner and I. Unfortunately, many people speed along the road too, a recipe for disaster.</p> <p>The proposed vehicle and pedestrian access/exit driveway will be 5.15 metres wide, with parking for the proposed dwellings, accommodated to the left and right of the entrance. The average car is 2.5 metres wide, with the proposed entrance only being 5.15 metres wide, so there would not be enough room for a car exiting and one entering the drive to pass comfortably, the car wishing to enter the drive would hold up the traffic on Longwood Gate in order to let the exiting car pull out. There are often vans parked on that side of the road too, so visibility is further reduced for cars exiting the proposed driveway to the development.</p> <p>The following situation is more than likely to arise in addition to that in the above paragraph. If a car wishes to turn left into the entrance of the development (as they come down Longwood Gate) and there is a vehicle parked on their left of the entrance (which is a common occurrence), then they will be forced onto the wrong side of the road. The car wishing to pull out of the development and who may want to turn right (to go up Longwood Gate) will not be able to, as the other car will be in its path, this will result in a traffic jam. This could be further impacted if the local bus was either on its way up or down Longwood Gate, we also get taxis (occasionally articulated) using</p>	

way up or down Longwood Gate, we also get lorries (occasionally articulated) using the road as an access route to the M62

There is also a bus stop slightly further up on the same side as the proposed development and another across the road opposite, these stops are regularly used by among others school children and elderly residents. If vehicular access is given under this application, it could have implications for the future safety of residents on Longwood Gate.

Also if vehicular access is granted under this planning application the way could be left clear for a property developer in the future, to build on the urban green space behind (if granted permission). This would be possible as there would already be what is tantamount to a road already existing, i.e. the proposed driveway between the dwellings which could be extended to provide access to the land at the rear of the development.

Longwood Gate could feasibly be left with an access route to a major housing development. Longwood Gate would not be able to accommodate such an increase in the volume of traffic and all the biodiversity and richness of wildlife of the green corridor would be lost.

The area of urban greenspace referred to above lies adjacent to the northern boundary of the proposed development. This land runs parallel for quite some distance between Longwood Gate, Bull Green Road and Edge Terrace. It is a wildlife haven full of biodiversity, there is a wood and numerous well established trees dotted along its entirety. There has been a family of foxes living on the land for many years there are also green and spotted woodpeckers, jays, bullfinches, great tits, wrens, blue tits, longtailed tits and nuthatches that all nest on the land and even a Roebuck deer has been spotted. Many squirrels live in the trees and scurry amongst the foliage in the field several are quite tame especially one who we have named he feeds from our hands (both in and outside our apartment) and he lets you stroke him too, he has been coming to us for at least two years and it's his home. Many dog walkers use the land too, often sitting and chilling in the sunshine. It provides an oasis of calm and space for quiet reflection aiding mental health and is of great value to the local community and the preservation of nature, with a wide variety of wild flowers and insects, including all important bees.

In conclusion, if the planning application is successful, it will most definitely have a highly detrimental impact on the highway safety of Longwood Gate, both now and in the future. Although, the actual development will not, we don't believe, currently adversely affect the urban green space behind it my partner and I along with many other local residents, believe that if vehicular access is granted under the planning application, that this will be the gateway for property developers to use it as an access point to the beautiful urban greenspace behind in the future, the rich biodiversity will then be destroyed forever

I hope that our concerns are noted and passed onto the relevant departments.