

Address: 10 Middle Hall Close Liversedge WF15 6ND

About the application

Application number: 2023/91116	
What is the application for?:	Erection of 67 dwellings
Address of the site or building:	Land off, Primrose Lane, Hightown, Liversedge, WF15
Postcode:	BD19 5LQ

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	No
<p>I object to the planning due to the negative impact on the natural environment. My house overlooks these fields and the development will block out the open aspect and cause more light pollution. I have lived here 24 years and as a family we thrive and learn from our local nature and it supports our mental health and wellbeing.</p> <p>I have looked at the ecological survey and agree that the site has limited potential to support bats and birds. Also I have additional information regarding the protected species not mentioned in the report.</p> <p>I have seen the fieldfare and redwings forage on the grassland where the development is planned. They are winter visitors from Scandinavia so may not have been in the UK at the time of the survey but I have seen them earlier this year.</p> <p>In the deciduous woodland on the boundary of the site are nesting greater spotted woodpeckers so recommendations need to have additions for these nesting birds.</p> <p>The scrub area on the site named T2 is used by a fox vixen and cubs to sunbathe in the afternoon, they are responsible for the bare patch in the grass on the southside from regular use.</p> <p>Page 13 states the nearest known bat roost is 0.74km away in Millbridge which is incorrect, bats and swallows roost in farm buildings on Primrose Lane 180M south of the site. Therefore they are a lot nearer than it currently states and I support the bat boxes initiatives.</p> <p>The swallows arrived on the 12th April 2023 so like the previously mentioned birds, would not have featured on the survey as they are migratory. I have concerns about their food sources being dispersed as they return to the same area and nests each year.</p> <p>I support the comments made re the hedgehogs and providing roads and crossing stations for them but they will be dispersed from foraging on the site fields which currently provides their food, caterpillars, beetles etc cannot be sourced from the alternative domestic gardens.</p> <p>The report also states there are no protected nature sites in the 2km radius but the Jo Cox Community Woods is within this area acquired by the Spen Valley Civic Society. They have obtained a grant from national gardens and Kirkstall council and built a</p>	

They have obtained a grant from national gardens and Kirklees council and built a pond to attract dragonflies. In February there are recent sightings of waterboat men (beetle) and as it gets established will attract many more species.

Access to the proposed site from Darley Road would need to cross a public footpath which joins the Luddite trail, Spen Heritage trust, Ramblers association and Duke of Edinburgh schemes use this in addition to local residents so this footpath will be destroyed and become a highway.

Has consideration been given to service providers for wi-fi, mobile phones and tv cable etc for the proposed site and how this would affect increase in technology requirements such as phone masts, the current nearest one being in the valley at Millbridge could cause network issues leading to more disruption for developing the site.

Finally the development is contrary to the role and function of the green belt and narrows the gap that Kirklees have defended on many previous development rejections which is to distinguish the divide between Liversedge and Cleckheaton in an already restricted area.