

About the application

Application number: 2023/91212	
What is the application for?:	Erection of 21 dwellings with access from Laithe Avenue
Address of the site or building:	Land off, Bankfield Drive, Holmbridge, Holmfirth, HD9 2PH
Postcode:	

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	Yes
Following the Kirklees letter dated 15 November 2024, I wish to comment as follows: - The proposed 21 house development is over intensification of a small sloping site. The properties proposed are not in character with surrounding existing development and as I understand will not be fully built in natural stone as existing houses have been. These houses all have open aspects. -The development does therefore not meet the Holme Valley NDP Policy 2 no 8 Build Form and Materials 'design should respect the scale, mass, height, and form of existing buildings in the locality and site setting'. -The site sits at over 200 metres above sea level which means it is exposed to severe weather from Holme Moss. Winds are often extreme, and if climate change continues, will only get worse. Looking at the plan, there would appear to be a risk of creating a wind tunnel through narrow gaps between units 7/8/9 and 10/11 plus 10/1 and 12/13. This would likely result in damage to existing houses on Bankfield Drive. -The transport assessment does not take into account the weather and therefore road conditions in winter. As this is written, Bankfield Drive is effectively closed due to ice as no gritting ever takes place. The proposed HFS in such icy conditions is unlikely to stop a vehicle running down the hill of either access road and causing potential fatality to anyone on Dodd Top Road at the time. -The proposed safety kerb for Dodd Top Road will only serve to further narrow the road, making pedestrians including school children walk in the even narrower road. More danger than now. -It should be noted that the demographic profile of the existing houses is mainly retired people with very few children. The assessment of cars and their journeys will be greater on the new development as clearly the houses would be sold to a younger average demographic. This must result in more cars and more journeys at peak times. -Proposed construction times in the Kirklees Environmental Report are 07.30 to 18.30. An 11 hour day is unacceptable for noise, disruption, and vehicle congestion should this application proceed. It is a very windy site which will create significant amounts of dust in the air which would need to be included in the overall considerations.	