Address: Kiln House, 23 Brownhill Lane Holmfirth hd9 2qw

About the application

Application number: 2023/91212	
What is the application for?:	Erection of 16 dwellings with access from Laithe Avenue
Address of the site or building:	Land off, Bankfield Drive, Holmebridge, Holmfirth, HD9 2PH
Postcode:	

User comments

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1. The effect on the character of the area is rather obvious, a green field which is high on the hillside and therefore visible (especially to tourists) from Woodhead Road will be replaced with housing, along with 45 car parking spaces.

2. An increase of 45 cars all accessing the development up and down the precipitous Laithe Avenue which leads to a poorly constructed stone wall on Smithy/ Dobb Top Rd which has been repaired numerous times after vehicles hit it during icy conditions. The drop downwards to the Sculpture Lounge grounds is extremely high and hazardous.

3. No continuous pavements up Smithy Lane and along Dobb Top Rd towards the school. Children have to walk along the road, navigating parked cars, even on the blind corner alongside numbers 19, 22 & 20. Kirklees are in receipt of an email by myself complaining about the amount of speeding traffic up this lane, especially during school pick up and drop off. I see this development only worsening this problem, and therefore the risk of a fatality will increase.

4. What is the effect on wildlife? we walk alongside this field on a daily basis on route to school. We see Pheasant, Grouse, Jays, rabbits etc. Does the wildlife simply have to move to another field because humans want to concrete over another wild, green space? Seems to me, wildlife doesn't get the luxury of an objection.

5. There is no infrastructure in this area. One small shop, one bus per hour and a very small school (with mixed classes because most parents choose Upperthong as their primary choice). Therefore this will become a development where people simply sleep and go to and from work.

6. Is Holmbridge going to be a suburb or a tourist destination?

7. According to the Office for National Statistics, only 12% of people in this area have no access to a car or van. So, the vast majority have a vehicle. This says that because there is no public transport infrastructure, vehicle ownership is essential. I see this only increasing unless Kirklees get their finger out and sort it. So, when the plans say the car total is 45, this will no doubt increase over time as families have children and children have cars and sons and daughters stay at home longer as they cannot afford to move out. I think 45 cars is on the low side.

8. The house types proposed, what have the names got to do with the local area? Cheltenham, Bamburgh, Falmouth??? Just another national developer concreting some more countryside!

9. I question the point made on 5.2.3. If we assume that each of the households has 2 cars, works away from the property, this surely would mean that during the AM and PM there would be 4 journeys per household making a potential of 64 trips during peak times. This isn't inconceivable is it? a further 64 trips down country roads, abutted by poorly constructed walls with no pavements and blind corners?!