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, Holmbridge, Holmfirth, HD9 2PH
Postcode:	

User comments

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I would like to object to this application in relation to being subject to over looking, encroachment of development close to the Peak District National Park and "Highways Issues".

The development of 16 houses on land to the west of Banksfield Drive, Holmbridge would increase traffic issues between Holmbridge and Hinchliffe Mill.

Currently the two exit points from Bankfield Road and Laithe Bank Drive onto Dobb Top Lane "B road" is not only too sleep [1 in 5 & 1 in 6] it also does not have a 10 meter level standing area before joining the highway, Dobb Top Road. In face there is 0 level standing. Kirklees insist on this within their "2019 design criteria". Kirklees also insist on a 1 in 25 gradient away from a junction. On these grounds along this application should be rejected.

There is also a lack of pavements on Dobb Top Road, Smithy Lane, Bank Lane, Dobb Lane, Ford Gate, Coop Lane and Old Road. These roads are on a Rural School Route and are also used as rat runs due to traffic issues between Holmbridge and Hinchliffe Mill on Woodhead Road A6024.

In fact Kirklees conducted a road traffic / speed survey in 2021. The survey tubes were across the road. One at Hinchliffe Mill near to Londis Shop and the other was next to Holmbridge Pre-School. The Holme Valley Parish Council [HVPC] were informed of the findings for the one in Hinchliffe Mill but I believe they are still waiting for the one in Holmbeidge.

The road is so congested both residents and the HVPC have requested traffic calming between Hinchliffe Mill, Holmbridge and up towards home village. Having anymore houses built on a scale like is proposed for 16 houses on land west of Bankfield Drive should be refused on highways issues.

I would like to point out that there is another planning application that has been passed by Kirklees planning in Hinchliffe Mill for 19 residential units on the old mill site that also use the same road networks that is currently due to begin development in 2024 so passing the application for 16 houses in Holmbridge will onlt compound traffic issues so should be refused on the grounds there is sufficient extra houses being built within the locality.

Even though the application for 16 houses in Holmbridge is on the local plan under H626 Kirklees should acknowledge the increase in traffic and the changes within the 2019 design criteria in relation to traffic issues both before and since the Local Plan was introduced.

In these grounds above I would like this application to be refused.