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 object to this Application on the grounds that the numerical gradients of existing access roads , namely Smithy Lane , Bankfield Drive and Laithe Bank Drive have not been quoted nor fully considered within it. (see Kirklees Highways Guidance Notes , March 2019 dealing with "Existing Roads & New Developments "(V1) and "Gradients" (Version 2)).

Bankfield Drive and Laithe Bank Drive will be the ONLY access roads onto this new development . They were constructed in the early 1970's and complied with West Yorkshire design guides of that time. Parts of this West Yorkshire County Council guidance are now rendered obsolete due to new legislation and advances in Highway Engineering . For example , Kirklees Council must now comply with the Equality Act 2010. This means that roads and footpaths should be usable by all members of the public including those with mobility impairment. Excessively steep gradients disproportionately affect disabled and elderly people and those accompanied by children. Gradients of 8%(1 in 12.5) would be too steep for wheelchair users whilst slopes of 10% (1 in 10) might be impassable to many non-wheelchair users.
Bankfield Drive and Laithe Bank Drive have slopes of 20% (1 in 5) and 16.5% (1 in 6) respt. Smithy Lane is also very steep and being without footpaths is totally unsuitable for pedestrians
By approving this Application , Kirklees would be contravening its own , sensible , design guides and allowing houses to be built in a
totally inappropriate area .