

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

Type of comment: An objection	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	Yes
<p>I would like to object to this Application based on its effect on the local Landscape and contravention of sensible Kirklees and Holme Valley Development Policies .</p> <p>The field involved is currently used as pasture , is directly adjacent to the Green Belt, is alongside a footpath used by walkers and only 600 yards from the boundary of the Peak District National Park - Britain's first National Park .</p> <p>Despite not being within the boundary of this historic park , in 1995 Yorkshire Water spent several million pounds extra in building their water-treatment works underground so that it did not destroy the local landscape. It was the first such treatment plant in Europe and Kirklees Council was widely acclaimed for its involvement .</p> <p>The Kirklees Development Plan issued in February 2019 continues with this good work since Strategic Objective No 8 states " we need to protect the local distinctiveness which contribute to the character of Kirklees including the South Pennine Moors and Moorland Fringe ".</p> <p>Such beautiful open spaces are important for recreation , tourism and the Health and well-being of all Kirklees residents (Objective 6 of the Plan and Policy LP32) .</p> <p>The more recent Holme Valley Development Plan (Dec 2021) prepared in conjunction with the Peak District National Park Authority , makes " Protecting and enhancing the landscape of the Holme Valley" its No 1 priority whilst the National Planning Policy Framework (p182) stresses the benefit of Green Belt in preventing "urban sprawl".</p> <p>I agree that more housing is required in Kirklees , but also strongly support the sensible views expressed above by local and national planners.</p> <p>Approximately 73 houses have been built in Holmbridge since 1978 . Fortunately , the majority of these have been built on the eastern side of the village and have not encroached too much on the Peak District National Park or views of it.</p> <p>Please reject this Application for 16 extra houses on the western side of the village in order to prevent "urban sprawl" creeping towards the Peak District National Park and destroying all of its benefits .</p>	