

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>Legal Constraint applies iro water right that crosses site from the end of Laithe Avenue across the site and across our field to supply Bankfield Farm and the Barn situated on Dobb Top Road. Deeds etc refer, the site landowner apparently does not have a copy. Please note that permission has not and will not be given to interfere with the water supply in any way.</p> <p>As per the deeds, the Farmhouse and the Barn also have rights of access and to take machinery into the field in connection with the water right.</p> <p>Regarding proposed footpath link to 91 (which runs across our field). The wall in question is ours and we will not give permission for it to be breached in any way. PROW will be informed.</p> <p>Site and area are Hedgehog registered and are currently occupied.</p> <p>Other land issues:- very wet, Lots of underground streams (at least 6) run over our land into site HS183 which also acts as a "sump" for the immediate hillside. The tests on the site were done under dry conditions (in complete ignorance of the hedgehogs). The noise of the machinery was very unsettling for our horse and we had to confine her to the small winter "turn out" which was furthest away, and remain with her throughout the testing!!</p> <p>We have lived here since 1999 and rented that field for grazing until the tenancy was terminated in 2020, so we know it well and it usually has standing water during the winter.</p> <p>Where is all this water going when building excavations will obviously disturb its natural flow? The Farmhouse and The Barn both have underground rooms and cellars with a drain. Should the sumps be disturbed, they may well backfire and cause us to flood.</p> <p>Health and Safety: How does a Health and Safety Risk Assessment pass iro a Horse immediately adjacent to a building site? The existing public footpath creates additional problems iro our insurance. If the Risk Assessment fails then how does this affect the Site insurance????</p> <p>The field walls are only around 4ft 6ins high - horses can reach over so fencing will</p>	

The field walls are only around 4ft high - horse can reach over, so fencing will need to be on the site side to prevent feeding access. Most garden plants/shrubs etc are poisonous to horses.

Some of the proposed houses are sited too close to our muck heaps and chicken run. All are downwind of our yard and stable areas. Dangerously and potentially confrontational planning.

Tourism - very popular footpath with walkers due to the views across the valley (3 Moors) - these will be obscured by the development.

Wildlife - hedgehog registered; hares now re-appearing (previously wiped out by poachers who accessed the hillside when Ramsden Road, a purpose built historic bridleway, was incorrectly upgraded by Kirklees)! there are deer, pheasants, a whole variety of birds now visible from the footpath - curlews have returned to the hillside etc.

Traffic - issues already well documented elsewhere. Narrow, pavement-less "cart" roads in poor repair and littered with parked cars etc. Dobb development will no doubt exacerbate the situation.

This planning is an imposition that would destroy the hillside forever and may seriously affect its functionality.