

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
I wish to object to the proposed development on the following grounds:- 1. Highway Safety Access to the proposed site via Smithy Lane and Dobb Top Road poses a huge safety concern for many existing users. Both roads are currently used by cyclists, walkers, runners and is one of the main school routes for many children going to Hinchcliffe Mill Junior and Infant School. There are no pavements on Smithy Lane or Dobb top to protect pedestrians and the route is already a dangerous one to navigate. Have planners considered the impact of the additional cars accessing the new development (and equally, the impact of site traffic) on this dangerous school route? With regards to Laithe Avenue, Laithe Bank Drive and Bankfield Drive – these steep access roads are not gritted in the winter months by Kirklees Council – increased traffic from the proposed development attempting to use these roads in the bad weather is a cause for concern. There have already been accidents at the bottom of Bankfield Drive with cars sliding into the wall at the bottom (repairs to the wall are clearly visible). Luckily these incidents have not been fatal, but should something like this happen when the ‘walking bus’ from Holmbridge Pre-school is passing then the outcome could be disastrous. Are planners satisfied that Dobb Top Road is capable of withstanding the increased traffic? Areas of the road are already seeming to collapse.. 2. Drainage Are all parties satisfied that the existing drainage system is fit for purpose? Residents of Bankfield Drive and Laithe Bank Drive have repeatedly reported issues with the sewerage system over the years. I understand Yorkshire Water do not have the existing estate layout fully mapped – surely any addition to the loads or adjustments to the existing system could have huge implications. How can planners and developers be sure their actions will not have severe consequences on residents and the local environment?	