

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 object to any properties being built on this site . Kirklees Design Guides state that no new estates should be built with access roads having gradients steeper than 1 in 20 . Laithe Bank Drive and Bankfield Drive have gradients of 1 in 6 and 1 in 5 respectively. This was clearly acceptable in the 1970's but legislation , recommendations and road safety have all moved on and these routes are not compliant with modern thinking . Even the Design Guides of 2019 , when the Kirklees Development Plan was written , have now been superseded . Just because the roads are there does not justify Kirklees contravening its own policies and compounding the mistakes of the past. There are also many errors in the wording of the Application. For example , neither the bottom nor top of Smithy Lane are "simple road junctions " . Also "a car garage " on Smithy Lane is actually a Commercial garage making the Bank Lane junction a 4-way junction. Smithy Lane is steep , narrow and has no pavements . Putting extra traffic on and through these roads and junctions can only increase dangers to pedestrians and drivers alike. "Supporting Documents" do not give much weight to Road Safety. Curiously there are 70 pages covering Wild-life , 59 pages on Trees (there is only 1 oak tree on this site) and yet only a few paragraphs on Road Safety. I realise that road safety does not sell houses . Councillors and Planners cannot make good decisions if Supporting Documents are not correctly weighted and facts are omitted or are incorrect. Other residents have pointed out the problem of water drainage from the field undermining the stability of dry-stone retaining walls each side of Dobb Top Road. Already there have been landslides at the side of No 1 Bank Lane and below 85 Dobb Top Road. I would object mightily if my money was used by Kirklees Council to fix problems caused by this development especially as the potential problems have been well-highlighted in advance . Please reject this unsound Application	