Address: 41 Brownhill Lane Holmfirth HD9 2QW

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	
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What the UK Kirklees and in particular Holme Valley South needs is social housing

Affordable housing would help, but it must be affordable taking into account the level of the local housing allowance (rent levels ‘allowed’ for social security benefits).

The Holme Valley would be enhanced by being a mixed community. It’s not; there’s little dispute that it’s become an area for the middle class.

The proposal is for 16 detached houses; the smallest are three beds the largest a five bed. How depressing; another ‘executive’ housing development, design devoid of imagination, houses 'nicely spaced out'. And the loss of an opportunity to provide housing for those who need it most.

The breach of policy bit:

The proposed development breaches Kirklees own Local Plan Housing Mix and Affordable Housing Policy (LP11); quite a consideration Whilst I think this a rather unambitious plan, it’s a start.

Full disclosure: I used Kirklees online service to send my comments. As the site will only accept a local address I used In fact I live at Flat 64 Peabody Tower London EC1Y 0RX. However, for the last 15 months, as in the most stringent months of the covid lockdowns, I have spent the majority of my time at her home in Holmbridge, in the house where I grew up.

The Holme Valley has obviously changed a great deal since I lived here full time. I’m not against change. But the change in social mix, and the reduction in housing opportunities for all but the better off, is of great detriment. The council's plan to start to tackle this must not be ignored

I oppose this proposed housing development in its current form.