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Dear sir / madam

I wish to object to the above planning application.

The Holme Valley is a precious local amenity which already suffers significant traffic problems. Over the years the drive to Holmbridge from Holmfirth has become increasingly dangerous as a result of the number of parked cars, on both sides of the road, on a busy road that is not wide enough for parked cars, and which it would be too expensive to widen. The planning application proposes to add more houses to Holmbridge and it is inevitable that this will increase traffic on this dangerous road.

The location proposed in the planning application is not suitable for further housing. The access road to the site uses roads (Bankfield Drive and Laithe Bank Drive) which are not suitable for increased traffic volumes and are already a hazard for the residents living on those roads. In the case of Bankfield Drive this is a steep road with a series of difficult bends at the bottom and in bad weather cars frequently struggle to control descent or ascent – something which is vital for fear of driving through the wall on Smith Lane / Dobb Top Road and plummeting down the banking into the valley. In winter months cars are regularly parked at the bottom, because it is impossible to get up Bankfield Drive. Adding 16 houses (potentially 32 cars) to this issue is not feasible and will potentially result in blocking of the roads at the bottom.

There are many suitable locations in the south Huddersfield area for additional housing – this is not one of them. I am shocked that this development proposal has been allowed to progress at all. The site is not suitable without significant improvement of the local road infrastructure.

Kind regards