

About the application

Application number: 2023/91406	
What is the application for?:	Outline application for erection of residential development
Address of the site or building:	Land south of, 98, Burn Road, Birchencliffe, Huddersfield, HD2 2EG
Postcode:	HD2 2EG

User comments

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<p>I am seriously concerned about the state of that stretch of Burn Road that constitutes a byway, from the junction with Yew Tree Road to the recently built houses at 90 and 92 Burn Road. The condition of the road surface has deteriorated, such that there are now serious differentials in the road surface levels, a variety of depressions and potholes, and all of this presents a potential hazard for pedestrians, cyclists, vehicles and mobility scooters etc. And the situation will inevitably worsen over time.</p> <p>I accept that there will inevitably need to be some use of the byway during the construction phase of houses numbered 3 and 4 in the new planning application, but would ask that a condition is imposed to require (1) the byway to be left open at all times (for passing traffic, including emergency vehicles and refuse collection vehicles); and (2) that the road surface is brought up to a better standard than exists at present and is maintained at this level throughout the construction phase.</p> <p>Further, I would ask that following completion of the proposed development, the condition of that stretch of byway from the junction with Yew Tree Road to the recently built houses at 90 and 92 Burn Road is brought up to a standard that complies with the Defra guidance issued in December 2005 entitled "Making the best of byways: a practical guide for local authorities managing and maintaining byways which carry motor vehicles" [https://laragb.org/pdf/DEFRA_200512_MakingTheBestOfByways.pdf]. I do not believe that much weight, if any, should now be given to the requirement for the byway to 'harmonise with the appearance of the surroundings'. This may have been relevant in the past, but with the recent housing development in the immediate vicinity and the proposed addition of four further houses on the northern side of the byway, the priority now must surely be to provide a route that is fit for purpose and adequately serves the local community.</p> <p>I do not believe the current planning application should be approved until these issues have been addressed.</p>	