

## About the application

Application number: 2023/91649	
What is the application for?:	Demolition and rebuild boundary wall
Address of the site or building:	11, Wood Street, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield, HD8 9BN
Postcode:	HD8 9AS

## User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	Yes
<p>I wholeheartedly object to this planning application. I question the motive for this initial work on the boundary. The plans do not make it clear that whole site will most probably be cleared of all trees and shrubbery during this work.</p> <p>The area is of great importance to the biodiversity of Skelmanthorpe as a whole, which is recognised by the conservation zone on Wood Street and also the TPOs on the trees on the left of Wood Street. Plus two of the trees on the right of Wood Street, contained within this boundary wall are now protected, however this was only sorted 12 months or so ago. This planned work will no doubt damage the root systems of the trees in the wall. What measures are in place to ensure this does not happen? Who will be monitoring this work? These mature trees are of great importance, the carbon they breath give us oxygen in return, any new trees planted would take 100 or more years to give back what these trees do for the environment.</p> <p>The boundary wall was repaired back in 2016, the work was carried out successfully and no damage was made to the trees. This work was carried out by Kirklees Council Highways. It is my understanding that the wall was adopted by Kirklees Council Highways many many years ago and has been maintained by Kirklees Council Highways since, so why now are the owners going to fund this extensive very costly work? I find this totally unacceptable, I do not understand why Kirklees Highways department haven't sanctioned the work to be done on the part of the wall that is bulging, like they would have done in years gone by. The last in 2016 when the wall was repaired after collapsing about half way up. It still looks in good shape, and has stood the test of time so I think the proposed work is not necessary. Just the bulging bit needs repaired.</p> <p>The amount of wildlife that live in this area is outstanding, having Barn Owls and Tawny Owl breeding pair. I have witnessed the fledglings myself. There is also a number of Buzzards that neighbour the area coming from Strike Lane where they dominate the territory however I have witnessed them on occasion on the fringes of the back of number 11.</p> <p>The habitat itself provides food for every species imaginable native to the UK from</p>	

The habitat itself provides food for every species imaginable native to the UK, from ants to frogs, to great crested newts, bees and fly's, mice and rats, not to mention all the different insects that all play such a vital role in supporting the health of the wildlife and the environment in local area. This same habitat that supports human life.

It also has to be mentioned that the trees and shrubbery drink 1000s and 1000s of gallons of water, has there been any assessment of the infrastructure to be able to cope with this extra water that would be going into the surface drains and sewerage? What would be the implications for the houses on Wood Street, Holly Tree Grange and Station Road? This extra water would no doubt make Wood Street into a river bringing gallons of water down the hill of Wood Street right into peoples homes. What is being done to guarantee peoples homes would not be put at risk of flooding if this work goes ahead?

In summary I strongly appose this application, I question the motive for the necessity of such extensive works, I question why is the wall back with the owners when Kirklees Highways have always fixed and maintained the wall, I question the cost to Kirklees for the repairs and maintenance over the decades if this actually was always a private wall. I do not agree one bit to mature trees being felled. I do not agree one bit to the natural environment to be damaged.