



I was pleased to hear of the proposal for 10 new properties to be built to the rear of Kingsley Avenue.

I have studied the plans and various supporting surveys and wish to offer my full support for this project.

The proposal offers a chance to significantly improve the area by bringing a disused plot of land back into use and to provide good quality, well designed family housing for the future.

It is apparent that there are many large families in the area and that overcrowded housing is an issue due to a shortage of larger properties within the area.

In particular, many residents do not have enough off-road parking/garage space for the amount of vehicles at each property and this is leading to irresponsible parking both on Kingsley Avenue and at the junction with Yews Hill Road. Many vehicles are often parked on the pavements causing an obstruction and also making it impossible for pedestrians to pass without entering the road.

I notice that an initial Road Safety Audit has been carried out and this gives recommendations as to how this issue can be resolved by providing 'keep clear' and bay markings. Regardless of this planning proposal, this issue obviously needs addressing.

Several objectors have stated their concerns for child safety due to construction traffic as, "many children play in the street". Obviously under no circumstances should children be playing on a public highway.

In respect of privacy concerns, I note from reading the design and access statement that the proposed dwellings have been sited to ensure privacy and "The proposed development sees a redistribution of land mass, cutting into the hill to allow for the new adopted road and private drive to comply with road gradient regulations which also allows for the proposed dwellings to be a little bit lower and lessen visual impact of neighbouring properties"

I am surprised to see numerous objections to this application and notice that the same letter of objection is signed by several residents of Kingsley Avenue. I was also shocked to read certain defamatory comments made about the applicant in other objections. For example, the applicants character, motives, length of time living at his address and his previous business activities there. These business activities were obviously authorised by Kirklees Council. Therefore, I feel that these comments are totally unnecessary and non are relevant to the proposal. I hope that all relevant comments are taken into account and that what appears to be a smear campaign against the applicant by some members of this close knit community is ignored.

I hope the council grants permission for this development and residents can see a positive regeneration of the area.