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**Subject:** Objection to Planning Application - 2023/91907

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Planning Department

Kirklees Council

To whom this may concern

Re: Planning Application 2023/91907 – formal objection.

I write as a concerned resident of Kingsley Avenue to formally object to the plan to build houses starting at the rear of number 18 and going round behind the houses on the righthand side of the cul-de-sac. The demolition in part of the terrace encompassing numbers 18, 20 and 22 Kingsley Avenue, as shown on the plan, for the new build to commence and on which the access to the new properties is reliant, will on its own cause considerable disruption to the street and to number 22.

I believed the area in which the houses are proposed to be built forms part of a prohibited build area as the tunnel from Lockwood Station to the viaduct running behind Moorbottom Road runs under Kingsley Avenue at this point and ends further down here and is why the area is designated green space. The building will result in the destruction of mature trees, flora and fauna inhabited by a variety of wildlife including but not limited to foxes, squirrels, bees, other animals, and insects. The public right of way to the green space and playing fields which is regularly used by dog walkers and people in general accessing other areas of the locality is accessed from Kingsley Avenue next to the proposed new build and there is no doubt an expectation that this access will be curtailed in some way, impacting access to the council's own property – formerly used as a nursery school, access to which is supposed to be 24 hours.

Kingsley Avenue is very narrow being only wide enough for two cars to pass if there were no cars parked on either side of the road. Cars are now being parked on the curb on the lefthand side at the bottom of the road blocking the pavement, so pedestrians must walk in the road and making the road one car wide causing an obstruction every day. This results in cars coming down the avenue often having to drive on the dropped curb pavement on the righthand side of the road round the blind bend of the avenue where the proposed access will be and making it difficult for those residents who have driveways on the righthand side at the bottom of the road to access. I find it interesting that the road safety survey was conducted on a Monday afternoon. Presumably so it would be found in a favourable light for the application to go ahead without any objection on safety grounds. Rather than being conducted when the traffic/parking is at its peak in a morning, close to the end of the school day, or on an evening when children are playing and there is significant impact

to the surrounding road network as Yews Hill Road is used as a rat run to cut out parts of Swan Lane, Lockwood Road, Blackmoorfoot Road and Manchester Road. The end of Kingsley Avenue is often partly blocked by parked vehicles on Yews Hill Road, making access for large vehicles to reverse into the avenue extremely difficult and manoeuvring impossible. The bin wagon is an example of this whereby on a weekly basis it is difficult to access Kingsley Avenue, happening most recently the week before last for the black bin, this missed collection then taking place a week and a half late. All deliveries to the site will cause the road to be blocked in both directions until the delivery is complete causing congestion in the surrounding streets as there is nowhere for these cars to go and causing additional issues in the main roads.

Thank you for your consideration of the above when discussing the planning application and the impact this will have on our locality.

A concerned resident

Please do not print my name or email address