



The proposed development is not simply confined to the demolition of an existing dwelling, which is to permit a gateway onto the proposed estate, but the removal of green space, currently used for livestock and which adjoins a public right of way used by local residents which provides a largely traffic free opportunity to walk and enjoy the views over the fields which will now be built over.

The consequential loss of the mature trees, in the fields, and the effect upon the natural environment will be to the detriment of the local landscape, and change the character of the area and diminish the local amenity that I and many other local residents have enjoyed, and change the character of that part of Gomersal from semi-rural to intensive housing.

The noise and disturbance of the building of the estate will no doubt be considerable, but this will no doubt be relatively transitory, however the timescale is likely to be 2-3 years of such noise, with consequent nuisance to residents and disturbance to local wildlife - resident and migratory birds will no longer have the fields to provide food and shelter and the construction disturbance will remove them from neighbouring gardens.

One of the most concerning factors will be the increase in the number of cars using narrow local roads. The proposed 87 houses will add close to 200 cars to those using the residential roads, with many heading towards their jobs accessing the M62 via Cliffe Lane, or Drub Lane, or cutting through Woodlands Road, Fusden Lane or the estate built on the former Burnley's mill site. All these roads are relatively narrow, already busy and are home to residential homes with many children who will be at additional risk due to the increase in traffic. Cliffe Lane is already a challenging road to navigate due to its narrow "pinch points" that are not wide enough to allow large vehicles to pass if they should meet there, the number of incidents on the lane will increase with the additional vehicles that the proposed development will introduce.

As other comments have raised, the effect of three storey houses at the highest point of the development is insensitive to the neighbouring properties, particularly the bungalows along Cliffe Lane whose existing views over fields will be replaced by fences and taller buildings.

Development on this site has previously been rejected. It is disappointing that a further development proposal that makes no substantive change to the demerits of the site development, ie the loss of amenity, the effect on neighbouring roads, the lack of public amenities and utilities such as schools, doctors etc to service the additional houses, and as such I object to the application.