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Dear planning,

Despite living within the consultation area, I have not been consulted. This is the second time myself nor my neighbours on Cliffe Lane/ Latham Lane have not been consulted within a consultation period. I must question the authenticity of such a consultation when local residents are not being consulted. Please accept that because of this my consultation being late.

Significantly, the landscape of Gomersal is vastly changing on a day to day basis. The mature trees from West Lane that have been felled have been a huge loss to the community. The green space and health and well-being strategy is not being met. Many of us are still adjusting to Burnley's village in Gomersal and how these roads have changed how Gomersal is used by cars.

Since the Kirklees Local Plan was adopted in 2019 there have been numerous changes and developments to Gomersal. Have the planners revisited this and taken into account the changes to the area in the last 4 years?

Currently there are 40 houses for sale in Gomersal many which are affordable family homes. Is there such a need in the area for more housing? There are lots of developments locally, heathfield having been completed in Birkenshaw, the halfway house and next door development located in

Gomersal adding a plethora of housing to the area. Underway is the new housing development on Whitehall road.

The pandemic has changed how people are commuting and working. People are working flexibly now which means more at home working but Families still have 2 cars. We have seen a significant increase in parents driving to schools to drop children off to meet their work obligations. Kirklees visions are not in keeping with reality. Schools and nurseries May be in walking distances but the cost of living and house prices mean most 2 parent families have to work and save time using cars.

Cliffe Lane and Burnley's is used as a cut through by thousands of cars daily and is highly congested at peak times.

We need more Trees and greenery the air is polluted. Gomersal feels like it's bursting at the seams.

Gomersal is a built up area. It has very few local amenities for such a populated area. Gomersal's history is fading and Kirklees appear to have no interest in preserving it. Gomersal is an area inclusive of mostly working class families who have purchased their homes and pay significantly into the tax systems.

However, the area does not get compensated. The long-standing post office was closed down, the closure of red house museum, the closure and eye site of Gomersal First School. There is no community centre or sports initiatives in the area. The public hall hire is unaffordable to promote this.

Parks are lacking for the high proportion of children in the area. Does your development consider this? I cannot see that it does. Burnley's park is suitable for small children but its park is sparse. Red house park has been abandoned for years despite having a green space attached and in walking distance to schools and the development on cliffe lane. It also has a car park. If the area of development cannot compensate suitable parks and areas for children to play in, could this be funded?

The homes are designed for families, 3/4 bedroom homes are for families of 2+ children. I feel your plans are minimising how many children will be attending schools and utilising services in the area. Notwithstanding, the

affordable homes and first homes plan included which also targets young families.

Where can families utilise green space and public footpaths in Gomersal? These fields are one of the few green spaces the public can enjoy visually and walk around safely away from a road.

You have considered schools in your plans. What about nurseries? The government announced that from September 2024 every working family with children from 9 months receive 15 hours free childcare. This is a huge initiative and will mean nursery places will be sought after. The current offer from the government only considers children from age 3. The nurseries in the local area have significant waiting lists without the addition of another 87 families in the area needing to uptake childcare. We are one of the few areas whose schools are not robust/big enough to provide pre schools. St Mary's have a small pre school. Latham Lane pre school shut down in 2021. We have 2 nurseries close to this site on the same road more or less, Latham farm and stepping stones both full and adding to traffic in the area.

I regularly walk my dogs across the footpath from Cliffe Lane past the illegal tip towards Gomersal tunnel. The surface water from Ferrand lane and lands farm run to Latham farm and there is a small stream in the valley of the field across the fanwoods and Latham farm towards Nan hall beck joining spen river. It already can't cope with the water. The plans don't seem to adopt a suitable plan for this and maintaining it long term. It is certainly not fit for purpose in its current proposal. This will impact the surrounding land owners whom may not be aware and need consulting re this.

I don't think this plan meets any of your council strategies other than providing houses.