



I strongly object to the proposed development for several reasons.

- The development will remove further greenfields and natural habitat for local wildlife including many species of birds and bats. It will destroy the countryside feel of the local environment if more greenfields are removed for housing development. Gomersal has still maintained a rural appeal and this development will erode the character of the area. There are several brownfield sites within half a mile of the proposed development which should be developed before removing more green spaces. Several developments have been approved recently on Spen Lane and Latham Lane, to name a few, providing additional family housing in the area.
- The additional traffic on Cliffe Lane that will be created with 87 new homes with a conservative estimate of 150 extra vehicles on the road several times every day on what is already a very busy road with limited visibility on the junctions. I am also concerned about the amount of traffic during the construction phase with deliveries and contractors vehicles. There is no space to park on Cliffe Lane without causing severe traffic issues.
- Extra stress on local amenities such as doctors and dentists who are already struggling to cope with the number of patients in the area. Plus the demand for local school places which are already difficult to attain for people in the catchment area.
- The type of housing being built does not meet the demand of the local community. Gomersal has plenty of family homes but has a shortage of homes suitable for the maturing population of the village. A development of easy maintenance bungalows would be more welcome in the area so people can remain in the local vicinity when they no longer need a large family house.
- From a personal perspective, the development will remove my privacy, sunlight and views. The development shows houses being built in front and to the side of my property, removing the pleasant outlook and private feel to my house. As it is a dormer bungalow the proposed houses of 2 & 3 storeys will be taller than my property and will overshadow the property. In particular property 57 and 83 & 84. I believe that many of the residents living in the bungalows on Cliffe Lane and the houses on Cliffe Mount are also concerned about the proximity of the new houses and their loss of privacy and countryside views.
- I am also concerned about the possible damage that may be caused to existing properties if the building work commences. The area does have underground mine shafts and the possibility of disturbing these could cause issues for existing property owners. Are there any conditions to be attached to any approval to state that the contractors must make good any subsidence damage caused to existing properties?

I do urge the council to consider rejecting this application for the sake of the local community. I can not see any documents supporting the application from any local residents. The proposal will only serve to make great profits for the developers at the expense of the local community, and the loss of house value to all those living adjacent to the development.