

About the application

Application number: 2023/93667	
What is the application for?:	Outline application for demolition of buildings and erection of residential deve
Address of the site or building:	Storthes Hall Student Village, Storthes Hall Lane, Kirkburton, Huddersfield, HD8 0WA
Postcode:	

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<p>The destruction of Little North Spring wood</p> <p>Little North Spring wood t is currently a vital source of both environmental and social benefit. It hosts a variety of wild life including many invertebrates and is a natural habitat for many bird species. The wood provides a haven for both local residents and those from further afield. It offers numerous benefits not least of which are the opportunities for exercise and therefore the enhancement of physical and mental well-being.</p> <p>if the proposal goes ahead, all of this will be destroyed and there is no indication of how it will be replaced. This represents a significant loss of nature including of protected trees and is detrimental to local residents.</p> <p>Social housing</p> <p>The application provides no proposal for any of the new dwelling to be part of the requirement for social housing.</p> <p>Highways, loss of public transport and car dependency</p> <p>Storthes Hall Lane is likely to become an even greater danger than it is already. At peak times the lane is a 'cut through', with many drivers speeding and treating the Lane as a motorway. The application would, without any doubt make the traffic situation considerably worse than it is already because of the increase in the volume of traffic. The Lane can barely cope with existing traffic. The bridge at the bottom is single lane and in need of serious repair. The junction leading onto Penistone Road, a danger because of the poor visibility and speeding cars will inevitable become even more congested than it is now.</p> <p>The application for 261 dwellings, in addition to the existing application for 300 dwellings on the adjacent site means an intolerable rise in traffic on Storthes Hall Lane. The loss of public transport will have negative impact on the existing community.</p>	

The loss of public transport will have negative impact on the existing community, especially those who can't drive. It will mean an increase in car use as it seems the development is aimed at more affluent people who are likely to have at least one car.

The application proposes that existing sports facilities will be maintained, which is good. However, the loss of parking on the Storthes Hall Site is likely to mean more parking on the Lane itself, leading to a deterioration for residents and a worsening road situation, and greater danger not just for local residents but for all using the lane. The narrowness of the Lane, both at the current entrance and exit of the site already presents a serious danger and it is difficult to see how a significant increase in the volume of traffic will not exacerbate this situation.

The vast majority of the drains the whole length of the Lane are blocked, all rain water flows down both sides of the road even with moderate rainfall. This has caused serious erosion to both sides of the carriageway, narrowing it even further.

The increase in noise and pollution with the resultant loss of well-being for existing residents will not be insignificant if the application is approved.

Loss of existing amenities

The application proposes the demolition of the two remaining buildings of historic nature and interest, which currently house social facilities. Their loss represents a further deterioration in the services for local people.