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**Planning application number 2023/93742 - objection**

For the attention of Planning & Development

Dear Mathias,

Following your letter dated 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024, I am writing to formally object to the above planning application for the erection of two dwellings cottages at Holt Head.

I am aware of a planning application in 2013 for two detached dwellings that was refused, so am surprised that such similar planning is now being put forward.

The application site lies within the Green Belt on which the Kirklees Local Plan, approved Feb 2019, lays great emphasis (Para 19.2 and 3), and there is nothing in the current application that would serve to render the previous refusal in 2013/14 obsolete.

The "special circumstances" required for any intrusion into the Green Belt as stated in the National Planning Policy Framework (updated 2023) simply do not exist.

It should be noted that the "four new dwellings" at the Delves Gate, which includes my home Holly Cottage, referenced in the current application were not new build, but a conversion of a pre-existing historic structure - the White House pub that dates back to the 1700s as Dyers Inn. To claim that the proposed new development would consolidate this group of new housing is therefore entirely misleading.

I would like to submit my objection that the proposed development would in no way serve to further the objectives of the National Planning Policy para 89 which states that "local planning authorities should plan positively to enhance the beneficial use of the Green Belt".

The current proposal would instead promote urban sprawl and undermine the Local Authority's policies establishing clear boundaries between existing and distinct settlements to the benefit of all.

I do hope the Local Planning Authority will once again refuse permission for this encroachment into the Green Belt.

Yours sincerely,

The Owner  
Holly Cottage – The White House