

The Planning Inspectorate

COMMENTS ON CASE (Online Version)

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Appeal Reference: APP/Z4718/W/24/3342024

DETAILS OF THE CASE

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ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

In what capacity do you wish to make representations on this case?

- ☐ Appellant
- ☐ Agent
- ☒ Interested Party / Person
- ☐ Land Owner
- ☐ Rule 6 (6)

What kind of representation are you making?

- ☐ Final Comments
- ☐ Proof of Evidence
- ☐ Statement
- ☐ Statement of Common Ground
- ☒ Interested Party/Person Correspondence
- ☐ Other

YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

I have lived in the area since 2006 and know it well. The field in question that has the planning application for a dwelling is currently overgrown and full of brambles/ weeds. There are dwellings on either side of the field. There is an old mill pond in front of the field that is overgrown to an extent that it obscures the view of the field from across the river.

I have read the reasoning from Kirklees Planning as to the reasons why this application has been rejected, i.e. it is greenbelt/ agricultural land and that the dwelling would detract from the local landscape. From the second comment I can only assume that the planning officer from Kirklees has not visited the site. As for the former reason this is not in line with a number of sizeable developments in the local area where hundreds of acres of greenbelt/ agricultural land has been allocated to large developers to build hundreds of houses.

As a local resident I can also comment on a group of local residents who are very pro-active in the objections to local planning applications. These people write letters and put them through people's doors asking them to object to planning applications. I have personally received these on a number of occasions for different planning applications.

I also looked with interest at the actions on local planning applications from Holmfirth Parish Council, of which there is only ever a "strongly object" to any application.

There must be some disconnect from the planning department from Kirklees and Holmfirth Parish Council as to what is happening in the local area. I mentioned earlier about large developments being built on greenbelt. These have been in areas where schools have already been full and there has been no requirements to increase the numbers of school places. In the Holmbridge area there is this and some other planning applications, all being objected to. The local school, Hinchliffe Mill Junior and Infant School, is desperate for more pupils. To cover the full age range before high school there are three classes in the whole school. The teachers are having to teach multiple year groups, this is hard for the teacher but also not ideal for the pupils. Without new properties it is difficult to increase the number of families and therefore pupils for the school.

I am for this development, and being honest it should really be reverted to the original application for two dwellings. I do not agree with the reasons for rejecting the application by Kirklees planning.

There is no consistency in Kirklees planning between large developments and small individual developments. If green belt is to be built on, I would prefer it is like this application where it is a small change and discreet filling between existing properties, other than the hundreds of houses that all look the same which we seem to be getting. It seems they are only interested in the money from the large developers.