



My objection is based on several significant concerns regarding the environmental impact, illegal activities, and potential hazards associated with this development proposal.

#### Environmental Impact:

The proposed development site, which was previously urban greenspace, has been illegally cleared of vegetation, including mature trees protected by Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs), and vital hedgerows. This wanton destruction of natural habitats has already had a detrimental impact on local biodiversity and ecological balance. The loss of these green spaces not only diminishes the aesthetic appeal of the area but also undermines essential ecosystem services, such as carbon sequestration, wildlife habitat, and flood mitigation.

#### Illegal Activities:

The clearing of vegetation and creation of access on the development site were conducted without authorisation. Such unauthorized activities not only demonstrate a blatant disregard for environmental laws and conservation efforts but also set a dangerous precedent for future land development within our community. The perpetrators should be held accountable, and measures should be taken to restore the affected areas to their former state.

#### Pesticide Use:

Furthermore, regular pesticide use on the development site, which has concerns about the potential health risks to nearby residents, wildlife, and the wider environment. Pesticides have well-documented adverse effects on human health and ecological systems, including soil degradation, water pollution, and harm to non-target organisms. The indiscriminate use of pesticides in this context is unacceptable and must be addressed through appropriate enforcement measures and sustainable land management practices.

In light of the above concerns, I urge Kirklees Council to reject the planning application for the proposed development. Instead, I would encourage the council to take decisive action to protect and restore the affected areas.

I respectfully request that the council conducts a thorough investigation into the circumstances surrounding the illegal clearing of vegetation, pesticide use, and unauthorized access creation on the development site. Additionally, I urge the council to prioritise the conservation and restoration of urban greenspaces, including the replanting of trees and restoration of hedgerows, to mitigate the ecological impact of past actions and promote biodiversity and environmental resilience.

Thank you for considering my objections to the proposed development. I trust that Kirklees Council will act in the best interests of the community and the environment by upholding the principles of environmental stewardship and sustainable development.