

## About the application

Application number: 2024/91260	
What is the application for?:	Variation of condition 2 (plans and specifications) and 35 (removal of permitted
Address of the site or building:	Land at, Merchant Fields Farm, off Hunsworth Lane, Cleckheaton
Postcode:	

## User comments

Type of comment: A general comment	
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<p>Having lived in the area for number of years now, my concerns with the development particularly to do with the impact on noise in the area, aswell as traffic. There is also the impact this will have on the biodiversity that frequents Merchants fields.</p> <p>The area at the moment particularly around Kilroyd Avenue / Drive, it is a very quiet and peaceful area, there are already issues on occasion with traffic and getting onto Whitehall road, traffic coming down Whitehall road, even though you have give way signs the traffic rarely adheres to this. My concerns are that the traffic will build on this making it almost impossible to get out due to the back log of traffic to the lights I'm hoping this is being taken into consideration. I would like to ensure that the Cherry Blossom trees are kept as they provide a welcome piece of green space to the entrance to the road.</p> <p>My other concerns are for the views, my home even though across the road on is looking across through the fields towards Emley Moor in the distance is a welcome sight and having far reaching views is something I would like to keep, I've tried looking at the plans to see where the houses will lie and it's hard to determine whether this will be affected.</p> <p>Another important note is the biodiversity the fields bring to the area, they provide food and insects to the abundance of birds and mammals. I can see on a regular occasion Kestrels hunting for prey, flying and landing around in the fields. There is also a great population of bats that swoop around Kilroyd Avenue and I imagine the fields provide a good source for them. The other hugely important factor are the migrating Swifts that come up and nest in the area of Kilroyd Avenue and neighbouring streets. They can be actively seen flying around the fields on an evening, I've noticed they arrive around April-May onwards to late summer, I'd hate to think the building of the houses will cause them to move and locate to another area, if the houses are built are you willing at put up nest boxes for the Swifts?. Please can this been looked into, particularly around this time of year as I'm aware you will do a check on the biodiversity in the area but there are animals that visit different times of the year.</p>	