



I am writing on behalf of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Bartholomew's Church, Deanhead, located adjacent to the proposed development.

At our PCC meeting on 18 June we discussed the application and agreed that we should lodge an objection.

We object to the application on the grounds that:

- This is Green Belt and the proposed development is not appropriate. Whilst LP57 of the Kirklees Local Plan tentatively permits “proposals for the extension, alteration, or replacement of buildings in the Green Belt”, this is none of those things – it is the erection of a separate annexe on a separate piece of land and thus not acceptable. Furthermore, the very fact that it is being erected on an adjacent piece of land which currently has no buildings on it is clearly in contravention of the LP57 proviso that “the proposal does not result in a greater impact on openness in terms of the treatment of outdoor areas, including hard standings, curtilages and enclosures and means of access”.
- The development would be sited directly between two listed buildings (St Bartholomew's Church and Yew Tree), and thus would have a detrimental impact on the historic character and rural nature of the area.
- It would be visible from the other side of Scammonden Water, a Kirklees beauty spot visited by many people, thus significantly diminishing the amenity of the area and landscape.

We believe the application should be rejected.

If you are not minded to reject the application, we urge you to consider, at the minimum, two conditions:

1. The development is on a plot of land on the other side of the church access road from the applicant's own home, rather than being an adjacent plot. It is critical that if any development is permitted (and we hope it is not) that a condition be imposed to ensure that access to the church is not impeded in any way at any time; the access road is used at all times of the week by mourners and relatives visiting the graveyard, and many of them are elderly and infirm.
2. Whilst the application has been submitted on the basis of it being a granny annexe and ancillary to the main property, there should be a condition imposed that it should never be used for any commercial purpose such as running a business or holiday letting – as these activities would be extremely detrimental to the area.