

Address: 208 Longwood Gate Huddersfield HD3 4XF

About the application

Application number: 2024/92153	
What is the application for?:	Erection of 13 dwellings with associated access road and landscaping
Address of the site or building:	Land to the south of, 5-25, Clay Well, Golcar, Huddersfield, HD7 4FD
Postcode:	M2 3BB

User comments

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I have owned my property adjacent to the development since 2014. I bought my property because it was in the 'old part of Golcar' seeped in history and nature (what I thought was protected conservation area) and away from new developments . The outlook was beautiful, with the grade 2 buildings, bats, badgers and sightings of deer .

However, this peaceful and historic area was soon to be disrupted by the developers of Hillcrest (phrase one), and then, to my despair, phase two near grade two properties.

Since the development started, the contractor has not considered the impact on local residents or council regulations and even mocked and ignored residents who tried to intervene with certain actions before planning was granted.

They have illegally knocked the old washhouse down, which was part of history, and, in Covid, it was partly converted into a communal garden by residents as a well-being project. They have built a hideous new tall fence, which is half completed and obstructs the view and changes the look of the terraced houses that overlook the site . This again happened without permission when, on the planning, they were supposed to leave a green area between the terraced houses and the newly built gardens. The houses are too tall and have not attempted to blend in with the surrounding properties.

The project has been going on for 4 years with noise pollution for locals spoiling summers; the site is still not finished and looks unsightly for the surrounding houses, and it has massively impacted the well-being and mental health of some local residents. Also, I'd argue, income. e.g.,. I moved in with my partner as I was recovering from illness, and the building site was negatively impacting me. I rented my house out and I could not get market value for it due to the building site.

I am sorry for people who have purchased these houses and made them their homes and I cannot imagine their stress. However, the contractors should not have listed these for sale without planning, and despite the ongoing case, continue to list them for sale on the right move.

The mental toll and well-being of local residents have been continually ignored. I do not think that the council's request is excessive. I think contractors who think they are above rules and regulations, can do what they like and get permission later, and who have a history of doing so should be made accountable; this will then give the local authority back control and deter other contractors from doing the same.