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There are many reasons why I oppose the proposed planning application and amendments made by the applicant, Jones Homes Ltd to the land off Edgerton Road, known locally as Clayton Fields, in Huddersfield.

Firstly, the site is wholly unsuitable for any building, as it has always been a haven and habitat for abundant natural life.

There is a vast diversity of plants and trees, including a multitude of seasonal wildflowers, some rare, ancient woodland and hedgerows. Japanese knotweed also thrives in various places around the site, leaving the ground extremely unfavourable and problematic to even consider placing residential dwellings there. Badgers are regularly sighted as well as bat roosts and owl nests, not to mention foxes, voles and birds, including woodpeckers, treecreepers and jays.

It is an important green space, cherished by the people of Huddersfield for recreation, exercise, dog-walking and a useful shortcut and vital access-route between different areas of the town. Public access across the whole space and rights of way should be preserved as a priority.

The massive on-site underground, concrete sewage pipes and storm drain structures would not be at all appealing or pleasant to live around, particularly as they are prone to emitting strong and malodorous smells across a vast expanse of the field, on a regular basis.

In addition to these concerns, one of the most significant and unavoidable factors that makes this site utterly unsuitable for development, is that the land here is frequently flooded and extremely boggy all year round, with numerous ponds forming and water reeds growing in abundance. It would undoubtedly be hugely expensive to attempt to prevent flooding of this ground, with further disruption posing a real risk to other nearby areas of the town, all of which would result in frighteningly serious consequences.

As history has proven so far, this land has been left undeveloped thus far as it is simply and realistically not suitable for development at all.

Kind Regards,