

Address: 12 Mason Court Huddersfield HD4 5NE

About the application

Application number: 2024/92614	
What is the application for?:	Variation and removal of conditions 4 (access works), 8 (Blackmoorfoot Road impr
Address of the site or building:	Land off, Blackmoorfoot Road and Felks Street, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield, HD4 7AD
Postcode:	

User comments

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Kirklees Planning Authority, I am writing to formally appeal the decision to grant planning permission for outline application 2020/92614, for the development of up to 770 residential dwellings. Planning Application 2024/92614 – Outline application for the development of up to 440 residential dwellings, Land o Blackmoorfoot Road and Felks Stile Road. My over-riding concern is regarding the unsuitability of the road network for both cars and public transport. 1 Traffic and Congestion Blackmoorfoot Road is already seriously congested, having become significantly worse in the last two years. There has been a huge increase in parking on both sides of the road preventing more than one lane of traffic most of the way from Crosland Hill Road to the traffic lights where Blackmoorfoot Road joins the A62. Parked cars are already a hazard on Blackmoorfoot Road, now on both sides of the road, as well as the normal range of visiting traffic, i.e. deliveries, waste bin collections etc. If prevented from parking outside their own dwellings, people's cars will undoubtedly end up on the side roads, already perilous for pedestrians, and especially at junctions such as Frances Avenue and Tom Lane. Cars joining Blackmoorfoot Road already have a problem, their view compromised because of parked cars etc. For buses too, and all the heavy traffic which uses it as one of the main routes into Huddersfield from over the Pennines, this road is difficult to traverse. The Stotts bus 393 struggles at the present time with limited access from Crosland Hill Road to Tom Lane and from Tom Lane onto Blackmoorfoot Road. I perhaps do not need to remind anyone that two garages are at present running their businesses on the public highway opposite one another just past Crosland Hill Road - this always causes congestion, especially for the large vehicles from the quarry who have no choice but to use Blackmoorfoot Road	

Blackmoorfoot Road.

To sum up, another estimated 500 - 700 vehicles from the new housing development (in reality, this is more likely to be above 1,000 as many households will run two or three cars), taking children to school, going to work and accessing the motorway every day at peak periods plus all the local traffic. In addition the proposed new Industrial Units to be built on the recent Lowdhams caravans site will further increase traffic flow to and from the site daily.

2 Pollution

The direct result of so much traffic will increase dangerous pollution, particularly so when traffic is stationary; a continuous flow of two lanes of traffic is impossible now, and more cars and lorries can only increase already significant health risks to pedestrians, children, bicycle riders, those with disabilities as well as the people who live on Blackmoorfoot Road. Access to clean air is a human right which will be severely compromised by the extra traffic.

3 Public Transport

Regarding public transport, is there any realistic possibility of an adequate bus service, given the nature of Felks Stile Road.

4 Lost land

The land behind Mason Court and Greystones is Green Belt - it offers natural habitat to a variety of creatures - birds, foxes, insects, butterflies, hedgehogs and deer, wild flowers, to name a few. Once built on, this habitat and its benefits can never be recovered. The size and extended nature of the development will result in the loss of valuable biodiversity – surely at least some of this should be protected for its benefits to outweigh the effects of extensive building?

Regarding the site of Standard Fireworks, may I draw your attention to the following from Wikipedia;

Due to expansion, in 1910 the firm moved to its current site in Crosland Hill where, during the First and Second World Wars, the company produced munitions for the war effort.

It is unlikely that health and safety records were kept in these early days, and it has long been speculated that some of the purposes for which this land was used are unknown at best and dubious at worst. Does anyone know exactly what kind of waste, possibly poisonous and challenging to health, may be disturbed? Please refer to the following-

Disposal of weapons, munitions, explosivesopen burning/open detonation (OBOD), cage burning, incineration, or transporting overseas for dismantling or disposal. All of these methods are associated with high carbon emissions via direct air emissions or require high energy consumption.

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Is there any plan to deal with this aspect ?

Thank you for reading my concerns.