

Address: 29A Ashbourne Way Cleckheaton BD19 5JA

About the application

Application number: 2024/62/92727/E	
What is the application for?:	Erection of residential development 67 dwellings with associated access, parking
Address of the site or building:	Land adjacent to, Ashbourne Drive, Liversedge
Postcode:	LS23 7BA

User comments

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Building Plans Objection – Blacup Farm – October 2024	
<p>I would like to strongly object to the plans to build 67 new houses on the green space at Blacup Farm. Here are my reasons why:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The impact on the environment following the loss of these fields. There are bats and other wildlife living in these fields, surely they should be protected?2. The potential impact on the future flooding of Blacup Beck and impact on Spen Beck. With the heavy rainfall we have been experiencing over recent years I fear that building on these fields could have a negative impact on natural water drainage. How many times have we had seen Bradford Road in the centre of Cleckheaton collapse due to drainage issues?3. These houses will bring extra traffic to an already busy town. It is hard to get out of Hightown Road currently, especially at peak times of the day.4. The town also becomes gridlocked whenever there is an accident in the M62 as traffic diverts to avoid J25 to J28.5. Extra houses will impact on the local infrastructure. It is a challenge now getting a GP appointment/hospital treatment. You can't get an NHS dentist in the area either. This will further impact all these health services with the addition of more families living in the area.6. Ashbourne View is currently an idyllic cul-de-sac but is now going to be around 100 addition cars a day using the road. Ashbourne Croft will be used as a passing point therefore blocking access regular.7. All areas roads and pavements of the Ashbourne estate are already worn and in need of resurfacing. There will be significant damage caused by the heavy machinery used and then increase in traffic from new residents.8. I see only 155 car parking spaces for the 67 new homes. Given 59 of the new houses will be 3+ bedrooms where do people park their cars?9. Financial Burden on Kirklees Council: Kirklees Council is facing significant financial challenges. This development will place additional strain on council resources, potentially diverting funds from essential services.10. The proposed site is on land above former coal mines and pre-existing coal seams	

10. The proposed site is on land above former coal mines and pre-existing coal seams and that various recommendations have been made about retaining walls, infills and replacing top soil for the new gardens. I also note that the average gradient is 1:6, so my concern is that the fact that the substratum is made up of various seams of differing types of coal and that likely excavations to get to solid foundations would cause degradation of the substratum underpinning the neighbouring properties including my dwelling with potential for future land slip.

The builder says the land is difficult to build on and will take a lot of 'abnormal' build costs and should therefore not have to contribute in helping the affordability in the area and infrastructure. If this is the case then maybe they should find a different site that is not full of mining and 'normal' to build on. They could then provide what they need to for the area rather than destroying what little green space we have left. Will there be any provisions put into place to protect existing residents from possible issues that may occur in the future from intrusive activities which disturb the existing coal entries
There also doesn't appear to be the required affordable housing on the site which contradicts Cleckheaton housing development plan. How many times in one town can the development plan be ignored just to increase profits for the developers?

11. There are already several new estates under construction i.e. Strata Homes building 180 new houses further on the Westgate, Linden Homes building 127 new homes and Barrett building 122 of Whitechapel.

12. When are the new schools, GP Surgeries, Dentists, and Hospitals being built to cope with an overstretched infrastructure? All these new homes will surely bring an excess of more than 1000 new residents into Cleckheaton.

13. We have a small Tesco in Cleckheaton, yet you refuse other supermarkets planning applications. Let's hope all these new people don't want to use the only local supermarket.

14. I urge the planning committee to consider the cumulative impact of these issues when making a decision on this application. It is vital that any new development is sustainable and does not compromise the quality of life for existing residents