

Dear Sirs

Further to your proposals regarding the new build of x 67 new houses at Lower Blacup Farm Cleckheaton which we received on 21st September 2024;

Firstly is this a legal consultation; should this not be through the council as opposed to a private company. Who has commissioned this consultation? You make reference to Kirklees council however there is no formal recognition from the council on this leaflet.

67 houses on greenbelt land, why? Cleckheaton has limited green land as it currently stands. There are lots of brown belt areas around the town and we are informed that x 200 houses are to be built at the bottom of the hill. Also you have left both Ashbourne View and Ashbourne Drive with effectively roads which are open ended leading to further potential developments. Giving even less green space and increased demand on services as below.

Where is the infrastructure coming from in terms of roads/ bus services /bin services/ schools/ GP & health services/ dental practices etc.

The amount of disruption and noise will be overwhelming for the people around this area with wagons, building work etc. We all have a drive but these are x 4/5 bedroom houses which mean there is some half and half parking on the pavement and road to ensure services can get through. Other companies have surveyed the land outlined and found it to be unviable due to mining shafts, along with incompatible drainage.

Given that workers across the country are reduced in terms of numbers and the birth rate is reducing. Why are all these houses being built?

GP's are reducing their number of patients to be seen so why are we increasing the number of houses? The health service cannot support this level of extra housing.

The level of housing to both Ashbourne View and Ashbourne Drive do not take into account the volume of cars which this will incur all will have a minimum of x 2 /3 cars, highway safety has to be considered. Not only that, but the long term environmental impact this will have is unacceptable for our children.

Drainage proposals including Sustainable Urban Drainage System. What does this mean? We all know that new housing estates cause flooding. All the houses on Ashbourne Drive will be susceptible to flooding especially given there is a small overgrown stream at the back of their homes.

Areas for ecological enhancement to improve biodiversity on site?? This will never happen or if it does come off will create a pond for teenagers / toddlers to drown in.

Tree lined streets. Why? There is a perfectly good green space available now and who will maintain it?

For the people overlooking the fields their view will be ruined.

We look forward to a formal response along with any next steps if at all. As we strongly feel this is a major mistake, such a development will have a significant effect on the character of the neighbourhood.

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