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The proposed planning application number: 2024/92727

Erection of a residential development of 67 dwellings. On land adjacent to Ashbourne Drive.

My concerns for the above proposed build of 67 homes with access from Ashbourne Drive.

Access to the proposed site is from Ashbourne Drive.

This road is very narrow most households have 1 to 2 sometime 3 cars which cannot fit on their drives, so cars/vehicles must park half on the pavement and half on the road so traffic can get through, but this escalates more on an evening and weekends when families have returned from work/school so the road can get blocked quite easily and you must wait in turn to pass. This road would not be able to take more traffic and would create accidents and the emergency services would not be able to get through. So, if a further 67 houses had to use this road to gain access it would be horrendous.

Strata Homes are already in the process of building 200 homes on brown site land on Westgate, which is adjacent to this proposed site.

This will mean there will be a lot of new homes being built in this specific area, and with each house having 1 to 2 cars will also put even more pressure on the infrastructure ie: roads, GP's, Schools etc.

There is also the issue that many years ago when Redrow proposed building in this site, Yorkshire Water stated a tank had to be sunk to catch water before it ran down the beck into River Spen and cause more flooding.

This developer has put a 'pond' where the tank was to go, this will have no effect stopping the flow of water or the extra surface water running off from the development and is likely to cause more flooding throughout Cleckheaton and the Liversedge areas.

The infrastructure in and around Cleckheaton is already at breaking point, heavy traffic queuing down Westgate sometimes with 20 or more vehicles causing air pollution and congestion and safety issues for pedestrians, and this is before Strata Homes have built their 200 homes.

- These are green fields.
- **Strata Homes are already in the process of building 200 houses on the brown land adjacent to this proposed site.**
- No supporting infrastructure.
- Access via Ashbourne Drive which is narrow and already congested with cars parked on and off the pavement making access through somewhat difficult.
- Safety has this is a family estate the proposed access to the site from Ashbourne Drive would cause more air pollution, congestion, and safety issues for pedestrians, children and residents.
- Flooding issues.
- It will have a devastating effect on the wildlife/nature in this area. The field is a great habitat for the birds, bees, butterflies and moths whom flourish in this meadow in the summer months. There are many bats in this area and who reside near by and feed on the moths and insects.
- Restricted access for emergency services.

With all this in mind I feel this application should be declined and I object the planning application.

We have enough housing developments **already** being built within the Cleckheaton area without building on the bit of green land that we still have left.

Yours sincerely,

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