

### About the application

Application number: 2024/92727	
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

Type of comment: An objection	
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The land is contaminated as known from land off Westgate currently being developed. Asbestos is present and even changing top soil will not get rid of the problem with this and other possible contaminates.

The mine works underground are deep and shallow (listed in our "original" deeds. These pose a danger from gases and, with the increase if rainfall due to climate change, they could become sink holes. This needs to be investigated fully before any permissions given. A drill was lost during investigations for prior building plans.

We have little green space in Cleckheaton and there should be no provision for future development from this or any future building development. Agricultural vehicle access should be available via the farm area otherwise our meagre greenfield, and historic footpaths, will disappear.

This development is for more than the previous permission given. The 2.5 and 3 storey house overlook the existing buildings and are out of character with the surrounding housing estates. Any buildings should be the same distance from boundaries as existing houses. I do not agree that 5 bedroomed houses are needed in this area. And there is no barrier to prevent vehicular access down the single lane track to Ashbourne Way. This needs rectifying.

The developer has made no attempt for sustainable building - not a single solar panel in site and no bird, bee or bat boxes or blocks incorporated into the buildings.

Disgusting in the current global climate crisis and for a nature depleted country.

There is no sign that an increase in rainfall and subsequently surface water have been taken into account. Blacup "Spen" Beck has had 2-3 amber flood alerts placed on it in the last 4 months of 2025. Drives and parking places should not be made from tarmac but materials that allow drainage.

Ashbourne Drive is difficult to navigate with cars double parked illegally on footpaths. There is not enough room for emergency services to get through outside office hours currently. This will be made worse with another housing development where there is realistically 2 cars per household.

Westgate has bad congestion multiple times during the day even without the new housing estate. This is made worse with the regular RTAs on the M62. Hightown Road is also difficult to navigate with double parking since the introduction of parking meters in the town car parks. The traffic surveys need to be repeated and then done again once the new housing estate is completed with all the extra congestion that will bring. The schools are full, the dentists and GPs are full. The infrastructure of Cleckheaton cope with extra housing, around 500 houses, currently planned or in construction.