



I wish to strongly object to the proposed development of the agricultural land to the south of Gynn Lane.

Construction over former mine workings, as has been seen in other parts of Kirklees has consequences and is most concerning. When Lithos carried out their geo environmental ground investigations recently, ochreous mine water flooded an adjacent property. They admitted further investigation of the adit would be difficult so the deep water drainage system remains unknown. There is no suggestions about safeguarding any existing adjacent properties from flood damage if the development does take place. The area already experiences regular flooding so addition of more impermeable surfaces across the development will exacerbate present problems.

Also any future ground disturbances with consequent land instability will put at risk structural integrity of existing buildings and retaining walls present now.

A former mine shaft was not even investigated. Adits and many bell pits scatter the plot. Disturbing these may cause not only water but hazardous gases to be released.

Endeavours in the proposal in attempt to improve the safety of the lane, when it is already busy before another 100 to 150 vehicles from 50 new homes regularly start using the lane, the speed cushions and pedestrian crossing, will not solve the traffic problem. The lane is narrow with room for only one car in places let alone large construction vehicles and the blind bends are already difficult to negotiate. The entrance and exit to the proposed development is located on just one of these blind bends.

The proposal will have an ecological impact too. Building works will affect the wildlife habitat. The woodland corridor will have a 7.5m access road cut through it with a subsequent net loss of biodiversity. The pipstrelle bat roost is in the house planned for demolition. Trees with preservation orders will be removed for the access road and for the large culvert for Ludhill Dyke.

The proposal ignores advice about protecting the Grade 2 listed 2 weavers cottages c1800 by building the houses 1 to 8 so close to them.

Existing houses must be protected from risks and by being jeopardised by this proposal.

I reiterate my strong objection to this proposed development.