About the application

Application number: 2025/91370	
What is the application for?:	Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 50 dwellings with associated acc
Address of the site or building:	Land at, Gynn Lane, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6LF
Postcode:	

User comments

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I entirely object to this application for a multitude of reasons.

Firstly, the site is not suitable for a development of such a size due to the lack of road infrastructure. Gynn Lane at the point of access to the proposed development is narrow, has poor visibility and a lack of suitable pedestrian footway to cope with current traffic, let alone an increase to accommodate 50 homes with multiple occupants and cars. This will cause danger to road users, residents and pedestrians, and this is also a primary access for school children on foot. It will also cause issues further down Gynn Lane which is already congested with double parking during school drop off and collection times which causes a lack of visibility and creates a dangerous environment for residents and school children which has been reported repeatedly to Kirklees Council. This has already been made worse due to the recent works at the Gynn Lane/New Mill Rd junction which has pushed the large number of vehicles which previously parked at the bottom of Gynn Lane (by users of the commercial units on New Mill Rd) further up Gynn Lane causing increased congestion - the road simply cannot facilitate the volume of traffic that this proposed development would create. There would also be significant issues during any proposed build as the road is not suitable for heavy machinery.

Secondly, there are many established trees on the site that would be removed due to this development. Considering much of the local area has incredibly restrictive TPOs on trees of relatively low amenity value (and Kirklees Council are militant about the enforcement of simply pruning these trees) how can it be acceptable to the local environment and 'street scene' to remove established woodlands? This is in complete contrast to the aims of Kirklees Council's approach to protecting the local environment.

Thirdly, the highways drainage and dyke that run down Gynn Lane are already insufficient to handle the volume of water that regularly flows during heavy rain, which causes issues at the bottom of Gynn Lane, flooding Neiley Fields and the junction of Gynn Lane/New Mill Road, and flooding the houses on the corner of this junction - adding 50 houses and removing established trees will cause further issues, as natural soakaways will be removed and replaced with foundations, roadways and other hard standings - there is no mention in the plans of how this flood risk will be managed or abated.

In summary - I cannot believe this application is even being considered. There are many brown field sites available which could be developed to provide much needed housing. This site/application is wholly unsuitable and will cause a huge detriment to local residents and the environment both during the proposed build and even more so once completed.