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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SAFETY

- Gynn Lane and Hall Ing are very narrow and windy, however speeds remain high.
- An increase in traffic heading down Gynn Lane to New Mill Road will add to the already congested junction increasing the risk of accidents.
- This route would be used for commuters heading to Huddersfield, Holmfirth, or further afield like Manchester via Greenfield or heading to the M62.
- Traffic heading towards the M1 (north and south) would head up Gynn Lane and on to Hall Ing. Hall Ing is narrower than Gynn Lane and becomes essentially a single track as you get higher up. Increasing traffic volumes along this route mixed with the current high speeds would lead to the risk of accidents
- The existing footpaths are limited to 1.4m on the opposite side of Gynn Lane to the development site and although a new footway heading east is proposed this is the opposite direction to which the majority of pedestrians would be heading.
- The tactile crossing on this footway is very close to the tunnel and it is regularly observed vehicle speeds in this location in both directions are in excess of 30mph, this could lead to pedestrians being struck by motor vehicles.
- The risk is increased heading eastwards from Hall Ing due to the down hill gradient of Gynn Lane at this location increasing the required breaking distance.
- Speed cushions are shown however one row of three cushions next to the rail tunnel will have limited affect to vehicle speeds and does not align with current design practises.
- Cushions at this location could lead to accidents as visibility coming through the tunnel is limited especially on sunny days due to glare.
- There is also no suitable locations for signage to inform motorists of the oncoming traffic calming due to there being no or narrow footways on the approach from the east.

TRAFFIC

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- Consideration needs to be had on whether this development can be constructed and serviced once built without increasing the risk of accidents (including footway overrun/pedestrian strikes due to its narrow nature (and narrow footways) and definite chance of two vehicles having to pass one another.
- Gynn Lane is exceptionally busy at school pick up and drop off with cars double parked creating a single lane and would become impassable for HGVs during these periods.
- It is recommended Kirklees Council witness for themselves the traffic created at school pick up and drop of times on Gynn Lane between New Mill Road up to the development site.
- Consideration needs to be had with regard to the additional loading on the existing aged utility apparatus within Gynn Lane and also the existing retaining wall opposite 35, 37, 39 and 41 which already appears to be leaning.
- There is already an existing sign at the bottom of Gynn Lane advising that Gynn Lane is unsuitable for HGVs.
- Looking further the junction of Station Road, Woodhead Road, Honley Bridge and New Mill Road is already beyond capacity and it is understood there have been several attempts to improve this junction even before the Millers development of 137 homes on Woodhead Road and with the additional traffic created by the this proposed development on Gynn Lane – it is only a matter of time before there is a serious RTA at this location.

OTHER
- Conflicting bed numbers between Via report and Broadgrove report
- Realistically these homes will at some point have one car per occupant
- Steep access required to the site off Gynn Lane
- Conflicting, and believed to be incorrect measurements to surrounding amenities.

Lastly, and sadly a large portion of the residents living on Gynn Lane are elderly and ambulances are often seen visiting these residents, Kirklees should consider the stress a scheme like this would have on these local residents, many of whom have lived here for many years.