



Previous comments made in July 2025. These comments relate to the Revised and Additional Documents

I was surprised to see that the Developer has not addressed a lot of the issues raised by the Statuary bodies about the original Plan. This was very evident with Kirklees Highways who made specific recommendations re the widening of Gynn Lane and requirements for safety relating to pupils from the estate attending Honley High School. The developers answer is a new idea to include the realignment of Ludhill Dyke which flows under the current planned access. A new culvert is proposed which is not supported by the Environment Agency. The new access would also be made wider which will have an additional impact on the trees, green space and habitats currently present. Relocation of the Dyke will probably mean that the access road will be steeper.

All this work would take time and materials as well as large machinery and given the position of the opening i.e. on a bend will present problems for local traffic. In addition the demolition of the house and the building of an access road wide enough for 2 large vehicles (access and exit) will again create problems for local traffic and pedestrians. This is before any work can start on the actual site which will have to be levelled amongst other things e.g. sorting out the mining issues.

The viability of the plan is questioned by the developer himself and his suggestions are that the requirements stated for the numbers of social and affordable housing should be relaxed. Given the complexity of the site it is possible that costs could increase and other cost reductions would have to be found which may not be possible.

It is stated in the new documentation that the new estate will only generate 5 new pupil journeys so there is no need for extra crossings/ safety measures for attendance at Honley High School.

Given that 50 new house are planned what formula has been used to reach this figure. Also some the families will no doubt have younger children and will have to be taken to infant and junior schools by parents using their cars due to distance. this will add to the additional traffic at peak times

Finally the proposal for peoples bins if the refuse vehicles cannot reach the estate is that there could be a 'bin park' on Gynn Lane and residents from the estate could wheel their bins down and back up ! Is this a genuine proposal.