



Yet another housing development in Cleckheaton.

Where are all necessary services needed for all these developments? Doctors, schools, where are the empty spaces?

A recent education report showed that Whitechapel primary and Whitcliffe mount schools were as near as dammit full, just a handful of places and since then we have developments at Wadsworth Gardens-122 homes, Merchant Fields Farm-291 homes, Westgate Strata-180 homes, so where are children going to school? This is on top of Singh Homes and all the smaller sites that have appeared in the last 5 years.

All these developments cause excess site traffic, most of which is of a heavy and dirty nature, but Kirklees don't seem to care for established locals. We suffer all the additional traffic, but the road systems don't grow to accommodate it. It also continues to damage the rotten surfaces even further.

Now we have the expected development at Highmoor lane that is going to completely clog up the area around the traffic lights, both now and in the future.

Since the traffic lights were installed to help alleviate traffic flow when the motorway bridge was closed, we still don't have access to pedestrian controls on the Highmoor Road pillars, so a high risk of accident to pedestrians. I know because I am one of them.

So the plans produced show maybe 100+ extra journeys on Highmoor Lane each and every day, all where the road is already at its busiest. On days when there is cricket there are a further 20-30 cars in and out with Hartshead Moor Cricket Club having 3 senior mens' teams, ladies and juniors of all age groups needing safe passage without frustration.

To add congestion, Kirklees approved planning for change of use under application 2023/93654 to use No.2 as a childrens' home; there is already much extra roadside parking for the staff who travel to work there right by the proposed entrance on Highmoor Lane.

We all assume some development will take place, but if the entrance to the site was made where it is proposed, why can't the exit be onto Halifax Road around where plot 26 is marked? With an extension to the central reservation on Halifax Road and left turn only, so much safer? A simple one way system that will rob the development of a couple of houses and everyone a great deal more comfortable.

It seems like these plans have been drawn up to maximise developers' income rather than the consideration of local residents and cricket club that will be 150 years old next year (not residents obviously).

Think seriously about what you are considering as plans because they will be very hard to alter when built.