

Main concerns:

Assuming each of the 40 houses have two cars this will be an increase of 80 cars using Highmoor Lane. The Lane is already used as an access for Emergency vehicles to access the M62. It has been used previously as a thoroughfare to access the motorway and as a temporary exit when there is a RTA on the motorway. The road and kerb edgings are in a bad state of repair.

The existing traffic lights at the junction of Highmoor Lane and Halifax Road are activated by two pressure sensors under / across the road that activate the lights when both area driven over. However, it fails to activate the lights if people are unaware of the system. This in turn backs up traffic. .

Number 2 Highmoor Lane finds it difficult to get out of the drive as its so close to the lights. 717 Halifax Road, (driveway on Highmoor Lane) has an electric vehicle with charger flap to the front of the car, forcing to have to reverse out of the driveway making it difficult to reverse into the road then move forward at 45 degrees across to the opposite side of the road / towards the lights and then across the two sensors at 90 degrees to activate the lights., this manoeuvre can only be done if someone lets you across the road and there is a space to move into without blocking the entire road.

There was a planning application made for a change of use of Number 4 Highmoor Lane from a residential house to use as a care home for two children, the application stated that there would be only two staff cars parked on the drive. However, the average is between 4 to 7/8 staff cars on a very regular basis, which are then parked along the lane / footpath, again increasing the problems of congestion at this point near the lights.

I fail to understand why access cannot be provided to the site off Halifax Road as the previous school was that would alleviate many concerns!

Further concerns

This site is adjacent to the M62 with high noise levels and air pollution levels and yet intended for social housing with the potential for it been used for vulnerable / elderly who may suffer from poor respiratory health, etc.

This land has always been designated as Class 2 land (same as a Park) , which is why the original school buildings were portacabins without foundations. Since its demolition many years ago it has been used for safe local dog walking and has become a haven for a diverse amount of wildlife, including bats and pondlife where the old school pond is.

There are TPO's on the tree line along the proposed entrance area of Highmoor Lane which add to the general aesthetics to Highmoor Lane I object to them been destroyed.

This site is on the top of the hill and the 2.5 story houses will dominate the local skyline above the existing two story dwellings in the area.