

Address: Riverside, 12 Station Road Holmfirth HD9 4NL

About the application

Application number: 2025/91770	
What is the application for?:	Outline application for erection of residential development (5 dwellings)
Address of the site or building:	Land off Station Road, Meltham, HD9 4NL
Postcode:	

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	No
<p>My objections concern the safety aspects associated with the junction of Station Road and Huddersfield Road, and the deterioration of the road surface of Station Road. Safety of the Junction.</p> <p>In 2019 I entered into considerable correspondence with the Council concerning the safety issues associated with the junction of Station Road with the Huddersfield Road. Since moving into Station Road in 2014 I had been very concerned, as had my neighbours, with the dangerous exit from Station Road onto the Huddersfield Road. The planning application for the first set of houses along Station Road (2019/62/90356/W) with its associated increase in traffic gave rise to the correspondence. I demonstrated, using the Highways Design Manual that, due to the limited visibility, there would be inadequate stopping distance for a vehicle travelling at 40mph along the Huddersfield Road toward Huddersfield to avoid collision with a car exiting Station Road. Even at 30 mph an adequate stopping distance would be in question .</p> <p>I also noted that because of the narrow width (barely sufficient for two vehicles) and geometry of Station Road at the exit vehicles coming out of Station Road, without exception, halt at the junction without leaving adequate space for a vehicle turning into Station Road to pass. Consequently a vehicle turning left into Station Road from the Huddersfield Road would be prevented from doing so and would be at risk of a rear collision from an approaching vehicle travelling at speed.</p> <p>Finally I noted that there were risks associated with turning right into Station Road. Although there is a marked filter coming in the opposite direction there is no filter in which to move into or stop coming from the Huddersfield direction.</p> <p>I recommended the following safety measures:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A reduction of the speed limit on the Huddersfield Road to 30mph.2. Replacing a part of the grass edge on the right of the junction with an approach slip road.3. Double yellow lines for approximately 40m to the right of the junction.4. A right turn lane clearly marked to turn into Station Road from the Huddersfield direction.	

These were rejected with lengthy reasoning which will be on record and which I maintain does not sufficiently mitigate the probability of an accident occurring. This junction remains dangerous and any increase in traffic flow, however small, from further development will increase the possibility of an accident.

Road Surface.

The stone setts along Station Road have significantly deteriorated with the passage of heavy construction vehicles during the development of the eleven new houses. I had understood that the developer was responsible for repairing the surface following construction of the houses as a condition of planning permission. The houses have been completed and the heavy machinery was removed some weeks ago but no work has been carried out on the road surface. Also the pavement has yet to be surfaced and completed. The section of the road along the length of these houses is unlikely to be used by any machinery associated with the proposed development. Consequently no new planning application should be approved until the developer has made good this section of Station Road, retaining the stone sett method of construction.

Summary.

I object to any planning application associated with additional housing along Station Road being approved until appropriate measures are taken to improve the safety of the junction with the Huddersfield Road and the stone sett surface of Station Road is repaired maintaining the current stone sett method of construction.