

Address: 8 Moss Edge View Holmfirth HD9 2HY

About the application

Application number: 2025/92327	
What is the application for?:	Erection of 4 dwellings (within a Conservation Area)
Address of the site or building:	Land adjacent to, 185, Woodhead Road, Holmbridge, HD9 2NW
Postcode:	HD9 3TP

User comments

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Road safety and parking

The proposed development is located on a pinch point of Woodhead Road. The road narrows here and is already down to one lane for the whole length of the proposed site and further, due to parked cars. There is no alternative parking due to the historic nature of the existing buildings. This already poses a danger to cyclists and traffic emerging from the proposed driveways would further increase risk both to cyclists and motorists.

Given that the road here is already down to one lane it will likely be difficult to get in and out of the allocated parking spaces. No allowance has been made for grown up children increasing the number of household cars above two, there is no allowance for visitors and given the distance a delivery driver would need to walk from a sensible parking space, it's easily conceivable that any deliveries would result in the road and/or footpath being blocked. This is a main road used to access the A628, a main route between Sheffield and Manchester.

This existing issue is exacerbated during local cricket and football events, when cars are frequently parked on top of junctions, posing a safety risk to all road users, including pedestrians (many children here walk to the local school). Any addition to parked cars in the area, will lead to the situation being far more frequent.

This is without considering the level of disruption that will be inevitable during the build if it were to go ahead.

Pollution and environmental damage to the river

Due to the steep ground on which the houses are to be built, there is a very high risk of sediment runoff and contamination of the river impacting river health and wildlife, not just in the vicinity of the building site but the entire down stream length of the river.

Removal of habitat

While small and, as far as I'm aware, unmanaged, the plot in it's current state offers habitat for plants, fungi and wildlife and provides a corridor and stepping stone from the mature trees of the north of the road to the river and woodland to the south and west of the site.

Lack of impact on housing need

The extent of the negative impact does not appear to be worth it for the development of 4 homes. Twenty-one homes are currently being built in Holmbridge (The Meadows) and the derelict Hinchcliffe Mill site remains untouched, both these areas are off the main road and contribute a more notable number of houses to the market.

Detract from character of the area

The design of the houses is not in keeping with the terraced houses along that section of road. The area in it's current state connects woodland and mature gardens and offers a view across the valley. Filling this space will disconnect the road from nature, reducing the rural feel of the area.