19 Stockwell Vale,
Armitage Bridge,
Huddersfield,
West Yorkshire
HD4 7PL.

2nd. December, 2025.

Dear Sirs,

Demolition of Bishops Court & Holme Park Court.

As you will gather from my address, I am one of the residents of a property that is overshadowed by these buildings. We have recently been notified that work is to commence on the demolition of these buildings on 19th January, 2026.

I am a part of a resident's group and you will be aware of our ongoing concerns about various issues which are likely to arise from the proposed work.

on our collective behalf, has been in communication with the Council over a considerable period of time and the notification of the date of commencement has come of something of a surprise to us all. Especially when so many issues have not been responded to and clarified.

Not least of these issues is the type and amount of asbestos contained within the structures, what Method Of Work Statement the Contractors have provided to the Council regarding noise and dust levels, the preservation or otherwise of the trees in the surrounding land and protection of the River Holme??

Will the Council be monitoring all the environmental issues or will this be contracted out to Independent Specialist Consultants? Will the Contractors also be carrying out separate monitoring i.e. noise and dust?

Are the Environment Agency aware of the potential threats to the River Holme and indeed will they be carrying out separate and independent assessments rather than rely on information provided by either the Council or the Contractors?

The deadline for the start of this work is fast approaching. If I was a cynical type of person, I could suspect that the short notice given to us is in order to circumvent the legitimate concerns of the residents.

This work will be done within meters of where we live. This is not a case of NIMBY. It is an issue for all of Armitage Bridge and potentially Netherton, Berry Brow and Honley.

I am personally aware of the deadly dangers of exposure to asbestos, particularly in regard to removal and disposal. Prior to retirement I was employed for thirty years by the NCB/British Coal Insurance Branch.

For the last twenty years I was an Accident Claims Investigator and latterly I was engaged in the investigation of historical liabilities. These included Noise Induced Hearing Loss, Vibration White Finger, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and Pleural Plaques/Mesothelioma.

All I would ask, as a very interested party in this matter, is that the Council should be open and transparent with all the residents and provide as much information as possible so we can arrive at informed decisions about what may happen next.

Please treat this matter with some urgency.

Yours faithfully,