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**From:** Cllr Harry McCarthy  
**Sent:** 10 March 2026 23:48  
**To:** Jillian Rann; DC Admin  
**Cc:** Cllr Beverley Addy; Cllr Matthew McLoughlin  
**Subject:** Re: Land at former Clough Mill, Clough Road, Slaithwaite (Application 2025/93543)

Hello,

I am writing with regard to planning application 2025/93543 for the erection of 33 dwellings at the former Clough Mill, Clough Road, Slaithwaite, HD7 5DB.

This is a general comment on the application. Our comments below reflect our concerns about the site and our discussions with local residents.

In principle, we have no objection to planning permission for residential properties on this site.

### **Crimble Clough Road**

As you travel out of Slaithwaite Village Centre, there is a double bend on Crimble Clough Road followed by a very narrow stretch of road. Many roads in the Colne Valley were not built for the frequency and size of vehicles today, and unfortunately there isn't an easy answer to this problem. Vehicles often get stuck on Clough Road, which causes conflicts between drivers and frequent accidents that often go unreported.

As ward councillors we have been lobbying the council's highways department for some time now to try and get a solution to the traffic problems on Clough Road. Unfortunately, we have not been able to come up with a solution.

The new development is likely to increase the amount of traffic on this section of road. Therefore we believe that it is reasonable that there should be highways safety improvements to Crimble Clough Road funded through the planning process or a Section 106 agreement.

We would like the following to be considered:

- A traffic light system, so that vehicles can safely pass each other
- Widening the road, so that vehicles do not get stuck
- Weight restrictions, to stop large vehicles or HGVs using the road
- Other road safety improvements

### **Access and parking**

The proposed access point for the development is at a narrow section of Clough Road. This should be reviewed on highways safety grounds.

A traffic regulation order to restrict parking on Clough Road near the development should be considered to deter problem parking.

## Effect on neighbouring residents' amenity

Residents on Crowther Close and Clough Road have reported concerns about potential loss of residential amenity and loss of privacy. The planning process needs to adequately address these residents' concerns.

## Drainage and flooding

There are longstanding drainage and flooding issues in the area. There will have to be a carefully written planning condition preventing additional surface discharge from causing flooding to neighbouring properties

The development should also link in with the upcoming natural flood management scheme for Crimble Clough if possible.

Kind regards,

**Harry McCarthy**

**Labour & Co-operative Councillor for Colne Valley**

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**From:** Jillian Rann <Jillian.Rann@kirklees.gov.uk>

**Date:** Monday, 9 March 2026 at 15:35

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**Subject:** Land at former Clough Mill, Clough Road, Slaithwaite (Application 2025/93543)

Good afternoon Councillors,

The Council has received a planning application relating to this site, which is located on the eastern side of Clough Road, to the north/north west of Crowther Close, in Slaithwaite.

The description of the proposed development is:

*“Erection of 33 dwellings (c3) with access from Clough Road and associated works including engineering operations, construction of retaining walls and landscaping”.*

The submitted drawings and documents for the application can be viewed on the Council's website [here](#).

If you have any questions regarding the application, or if you would like to discuss, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Jill

**Jillian Rann MRTPI**

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