



I wish to express my support for the principle of the proposed development. However, as a resident of Brougham Road, I have a number of concerns that I believe should be addressed, particularly in relation to parking provision, road safety, and supporting infrastructure.

Brougham Road already experiences significant pressure on on-street parking. This has increased in recent years due to growing families and multi-vehicle households, with many properties accommodating two or more cars. As a result, parking availability is limited, particularly during evenings and weekends.

The increasing transition towards low-emission and electric vehicles is also an important consideration. In my own case, I currently have a plug-in hybrid company vehicle but do not have access to home charging facilities, which reflects a wider issue for residents without off-street parking. Whilst Kirklees Council is progressing plans to expand EV infrastructure, provision remains limited. As uptake continues to grow, it will be important to ensure that sufficient, accessible and affordable charging is available without placing additional strain on existing parking arrangements.

Without sufficient off-street provision, the proposed development is likely to increase demand further, leading to greater congestion, unsafe parking (including on pavements or near junctions), and restricted access for emergency and service vehicles.

There may be an opportunity, in some sections of Brougham Road, to explore the use of land to the rear of properties to help alleviate parking pressures, and I would encourage such solutions where feasible.

Traffic speeds along Brougham Road are also a concern. Despite its residential nature, some vehicles travel at excessive speeds. An increase in vehicle movements associated with the development may heighten risks to pedestrians and other road users unless mitigation measures are introduced.

I also question the timing of the traffic survey submitted with the application. Data collected in November is unlikely to reflect peak conditions within the village, where traffic and visitor numbers are typically higher during spring and summer, and may underestimate the true impact.

In addition, I would welcome clarification on whether any draft proposals have been prepared for Section 278 highway works, including traffic calming or other measures. Without this information, it is difficult to fully assess the impact on the local highway network.

I would therefore request that the planning authority:

Reassesses the adequacy of parking provision

Considers cumulative demand, including multi-vehicle households and EV charging needs

Reviews the validity of the submitted traffic data

Introduces appropriate traffic calming measures

Explores additional parking solutions where feasible, including use of rear land

Provides clarity on any proposed Section 278 highway works

Subject to these matters being addressed, I believe the development could proceed in a way that minimises impact and maintains the safety and amenity of the area.

I would be happy to be contacted should any clarification or further discussion be required.