

About the application

Application number: 2020/92546	
What is the application for?:	Outline application for the development of up to 770 residential dwellings (Use
Address of the site or building:	Land off, Blackmoorfoot Road and Felks Street, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield, HD4 7AD
Postcode:	

User comments

Type of comment: An objection

Hi,

I do not have any comments on the planning details for the actual new estate but for the road system that surrounds it. I live at Greystone which is just off from Blackmoorfoot road. The traffic using Blackmoorfoot Road at the moment is extremely high especially during peak periods. The congestion is already immense and if you add a further 1200 or more cars (an estate of 770 houses with most families nowadays having at least 2 cars) I would not be surprised to see the flow of traffic going past the new estate from the traffic lights at the bottom (A62 Manchester Road).

My main comments are: -

From what I can see the traffic numbers quoted are from 2017. This is a over 3 years old and traffic has got busier each year on Blackmoorfoot Road. Therefore, I do not see these figures as reliable.

The Traffic numbers do not take in to account that most of Blackmoorfoot Road does not have any road restrictions (e.g. Yellow lines, etc) and therefore a lot of traffic is parked on either side of the road. This traffic is usually the residents or businesses on that road. However, this does cause congestion as this reduces the road to one lane of traffic and one side has to wait for a gap in the oncoming traffic before they can continue. This causes further congestion on the other side until they can find a gap ... and so on.

Busses and Dustbin Carts also use the road and are continually stopping and this does result in further traffic build up. There is also a large number of Lorries (mainly from the quarry and delivery vehicles) which also adds to the current congestion.

Further traffic will increase this congestion exponentially with traffic having to wait much longer. I would not be surprised if this also results in higher accident numbers with traffic getting impatient with these conditions.

All these comments do not include any additional traffic that will come about due to the current St. Luke's Development. This development itself has already resulted in extra congestion on Blackmoorfoot Road and once complete will cause further congestion with the additional traffic from that estate.

The planning details do mention bus routes. However, the only main bus route is currently the 328 and this only goes as far up as Balmoral Avenue. This is a single decker bus service run by First. The 389 & 393 services mentioned in the planning details are the smaller Stott buses which probably hold no more than 20 people and run infrequently (much less frequently than the 328). This means that most people on the new estate will probably use their own cars for transport.