



I do not object to brown field sites being used for housing developments, and would actively encourage it over and above the use of green field (declassified) sites. In principle, I support some level of housing on this site, however the number of houses planned for this area seems extortionate, when taking into consideration the local infrastructure in this area.

The development traffic will exit onto Blackmoorfoot Road, which is often subject to to delays in various parts travelling towards Huddersfield, as it is lined by residential dwellings with no off-street parking. Traffic already queues for long periods of time to get into Huddersfield, and this will significantly increase the problem. There is no adequate public transport servicing this site, with the nearest bus stop at least a 15 minute walk away. This is not accessible for those with mobility issues, and will encourage residents to use cars.

I understand that KC have a policy to maximise housing density within a site, however when taking into consideration the area, the highways network, and the other major developments which will be adding to the traffic, it seems ill thought out. The approved St Luke's and Netherton Moor Road sites will see over 1200 additional cars on the road, between them. With an additional 700 homes and 70 care homes, taking into consideration staff and visitors, there is potential for this number to increase by a further 1,450, or 2 cars per dwelling. In this small area of just a few square miles, this will see approximately 2500 additional vehicles on the road. Not only will this lead to severe traffic problems, but will significantly increase emissions within the local area, and Huddersfield as a whole.

Additionally, the KC ecology report has reservations about loss of greenfield land and heathlands habitat, and the removal of trees. Consulting the plans, it appears that an area woodland will need to be cleared, and traffic will also be funnelled through an existing, quiet residential street. This is unfair to residents, and will cause serious issues during at least 7 years of development, and beyond that time once residents move in. The consultee response also states that additional work is needed to ascertain the impact this development will have on local, protected species, such as bats. I would also suggest a thorough survey into the full range of wildlife which lives in and around this site.

Furthermore, it appears the land that the current dwellings sit on was unsuitable for building, and so an artificial platform was built. Great care will need to be taken to ensure these foundations would not be disturbed or damaged by any new construction work, which could cause significant damage to property, and in a worst case scenario, loss of life.

A reduced number of homes on this site, made largely of affordable homes, would be much more beneficial for the area, and I am sure would be more acceptable to local residents, many of whom are not opposed to new homes, just not in a way which will impact on the local area in quite such a devastating way. A smaller number of dwellings will also cause less destruction of the high-value habitats, and is less likely to impact on existing houses which border the proposed site.

At the present time, I object to the proposals as they currently stand.