

Address: 951 Bradford Road Batley WF17 9NU

About the application

Application number: 2020/94203	
What is the application for?:	Outline application for demolition of dwelling and associated outbuildings and t
Address of the site or building:	Clough House, 236, Leeds Road, Birstall, Batley, WF17 0HW
Postcode:	YO26 8EW

User comments

Type of comment: An objection
<p>As the council has acknowledged, we are in a state of emergency. Climate breakdown emergency. Viewed in that context, this planning application is nonsensical. Clough House is a beautifully constructed building that has provided a family home for over a century and could continue to do so for many more years to come. It has outbuildings and a driveway that can house cycles and vehicles and allow them to move safely on and off the public highway without endangering people and without adding to overburdened kerbside parking via the routes listed on the planning application. It sits on a large portion of land that sequesters carbon, provides biosphere, allows birds and bats to fly through supporting the local wildlife.</p> <p>This application proposes to dismantle (and presumably discard?) all the above and to replace it with materials that will have to be transported carbon-intensively to the site. Once constructed, the proposed homes will be oversized and overdeveloped for the location.</p> <p>Many of the local residents have already made thoughtful and detailed objections. I concur with the points already made and will not repeat them at length.</p> <p>The proposed development will introduce hazardous vehicle traffic on Moat Hill Farm Drive</p> <p>The developer has shown underhand tactics by uprooting a number of trees prior to this application to avoid any preservation orders imposed.</p> <p>With the ongoing climate emergency, and the council's drive to be sustainable, innovative reuse should be the first port of call-the council should be encouraging the preservation of old houses definitive of the character of localities, such as Clough House. With the building being a historic dwelling of long lasting and good quality construction, and with plentiful scope for renovation the proposal to demolish the building in its entirety should not even be considered.</p> <p>I respectfully urge the planning authority to refuse this application.</p>