

Places for Everyone Representation 2021

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Soundness - Positively prepared?	Unsound
Soundness - Justified?	Unsound
Soundness - Consistent with national policy?	Unsound
Soundness - Effective?	Unsound
Compliance - Legally compliant?	No
Compliance - In accordance with the Duty to Cooperate?	No
Redacted reasons - Please give us details of why you consider the consultation point not to be legally compliant, is unsound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate. Please be as precise as possible.	<p>Huge infrastructure issues. Newhey is a modest village with narrow, congested roads. There has been no thorough assessment of pressure on infrastructure or lack of space for current residents. Residents are increasingly despairing of failure of the council to listen to issues. St Thomas's school abuts Huddersfield Rd and has been consistently oversubscribed and provision discussed for years but there is no space for a new school (despite point 12 asserting they will ensure sufficient school places through expansion of existing or new school). Newhey Primary has already been expanded.</p> <p>Parking is restricted and even if it weren't, there is nowhere for parents to safely collect and drop off children. Extra parking promised for the Metrolink stop seems at best lip service. Residents know that there is no space left for viable parking. The Coral Mill site was developed for housing several years ago - 65 more houses on the only site left that could have been used for parking and there was no support then for pressure on infrastructure despite objections.</p> <p>Huddersfield Rd is used as a thoroughfare through/from W Yorkshire when the M62 is closed here at Junction 21 for accidents or for routine</p>

maintenance. ("Section between junction 18-29 is one of the most congested in UK and junction 21 one of hotspots " -The RAC) This happens regularly (see video/photo files) and heavy freight traffic (often gridlocked for hours or thundering throughout the night) on such a narrow residential street causes misery for locals and additional danger to parents/ care home residents (also on Huddersfield Rd) let alone emergency services. The only access point for the quarry is directly onto this road - where currently parents try to park to pick up children- and will cause a crazy bottleneck and increased pollution. This does not concur with the plan's aims in "supporting healthier lifestyles and minimising negative impacts potential including air pollution" (JP-S4 12)

Another 250 homes is a potential 500 more cars even before current problems are even addressed properly.

Local health surgeries in are planned to be rebuilt due to their being "unfit for purpose" for the current population (not in order to expand) and services are stretched to breaking point. Adding hundreds of new families does exacerbates staffing shortages and the medical needs of everyone.

In gathering support for a petition against the development (attached), it was clear that many residents were not aware of the plans, particularly elderly residents who don't necessarily go online. Offering alternative ways to respond to plans on a website is useless if a resident is unlikely to go online in the first place.

Public Consultation Statutory (minimum) Public Requirements: "Applications for major development as defined in Article 2 of the Development Management Procedure Order (which are not covered in any other entry) (including an application for public service infrastructure development made on or after 1 August 2021) (GOV.UK) require site notice/neighbourhood letter + newspaper ad +website

RE Policy JP-S1 The quarry is not a traditional brownfield site. For over 23 years it has been left to re-wild. Though a private site, owners Brock PLC knew that residents accessed the site to walk dogs, find fossils, pond-dip etc. The site has been openly accessible throughout this time via the back of St Thomas's school via a wooded path. Residents watch deer move through the site, protected peregrines which nest annually on the quarry face (now earmarked for re-profiling) rare birds, butterflies, newts, unusual fauna, varied dense woodland. It does not fit with the plans own aims: "we will need to increase the delivery of nature based solutions and biodiversity net gain"(5:6) and "the effective conservation of biodiversity will require more than simply the protection of existing designated sites and priority habitats..." (8:50)

Ripping up woodland habitat to build 250 homes at the quarry site doesn't even "simply protect".

GMCA makes much of its aim to reach carbon neutral figures by 2038 but doesn't explain how this goal can possibly be reached by such development.

In addition, the unusual water table levels in and around the quarry are a concern. Residents on the side of Huddersfield Rd below the quarry (some of whom have springs at the back of their properties feeding down from it) are understandably concerned about ground disturbance.

Though the council was made aware of all these points previously, none have been addressed satisfactorily.

Redacted modification - Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make this section of the plan legally compliant and sound, in respect

- Rethink infrastructure and real traffic issues. Understand and address the point that providing a few charging points will not solve the villages traffic issues,
 - Properly assess impact of 250 homes on local population, congestion, school places, wildlife, wildlife corridors, noise and air pollution, construction disruption and ground disturbance with regards to water levels and run-off

of any legal compliance or soundness matters you have identified above.

- Thoroughly assess the density of additional housing and why the homes built will not all fall into 'affordable homes' category, meaning a bigger carbon footprint
 - Consult all residents about these proposals by letter and reopen public consultation
- Make a thoroughly thought-out plan for:
- Residential car parking- exactly where will it be? How many spaces?
 - Metrolink parking- exactly where will it be? How many spaces? How close will it be to the Metrolink stop?
 - Proposed cycle/pedestrian routes linking the Metrolink stop to the development. Where will it be? How can they be incorporated without avoid making an already busy route narrower and less safe?
 - Traffic (especially on the frequent occasions that heavy traffic is diverted from the motorway). Where will the entrance to the site be? What will be the solution to mitigate the bottleneck caused by residents unable to access homes/blocking the road still further. How can this plan promise to provide 'safe and appropriate access to Huddersfield Rd' when it is already unsafe at busy times.
 - School places. Where on earth is this 'expansion' or 'rebuild' going to be? What plans are already in place to solve the issue of schooling and are they within the likely timeframe of the development? And do these plans include suitable parking and easing of drop-off points which can be a danger on this road?
 - Explain clearly what 'financial contributions to mitigate impacts on highway network identified through a transport assessment' and why has a thorough transport assessment not been done prior to this proposal?
 - Biodiversity. Existing corridors and habitats need to be properly protected. The proposal cannot promise to 'safeguard and enhance biodiversity' by ripping up existing habitats, constructing 250 homes (some larger, high value), reprofiling the quarry face and substituting it with e.g. an ornamental pond
 - Carbon neutral targets. Explain how this site will help support sustainability. Are all 250 to be energy zero homes? solar panels?