

**Calder Valley Community Land Trust
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Walsden planning application in

We've been sending out plenty of newsletters since the CLT was first set up in the Autumn of 2014. During this time, we've signed up (at the last count) 76 members, we've had several members' general meetings, we've had five public consultation sessions, and the active board of trustees has been meeting monthly. But what, you might feel like asking, have we actually done to improve the stock of affordable housing in the upper valley? What's been the end result of all our efforts?

Things take time, of course... but we do now have something very tangible to report. And we would appreciate your support.

Our first development is for six independent living bungalows at land at Birks Lane, Walsden, a development which we're undertaking in partnership with the local almshouse charity John Eastwood Homes. We've been working with the architects for over a year, and we have now reached the point where the formal planning application has gone in to Calderdale.

If you visit this website <https://portal.calderdale.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=makeComment&keyVal=OVWNUEDWIX000> you will be able to see all the plans and reports.

You will also be able to formally comment to Calderdale's planners on whether you think the development is a good idea. We hope you do support this, the CLT's first venture into community-led housing locally. And if so, could we ask you to make a comment. If you haven't done this before, you will need to go through a short online registration process, but it is very painless (honest!).

Incidentally, CLT trustees and friends recently distributed 300 leaflets to neighbours in Walsden, to let them know about the planning application. If you live nearby, we hope you found the leaflet in your letterbox.