

Two comments received by local people. The first is from someone who attended the opening meeting but was unable to stay for the workshops.

*Thanks for the meeting on Saturday and the opportunity to hear about local development.*

*I couldn't stay beyond the first session (Saturday and football over-rides most things!) but I am sending this note to offer a view I couldn't present in person. It is this:*

- *to remember that a key reason for demolishing many buildings and creating space was that the sites at such as Bridge Lanes, Stubbings, the Buttress, Garden Street and Commercial Street had become 'slums'.*
- *to be mindful that whatever scheme may prevail and become a reality, that within 50 to 60 or even up to 100 years hence doesn't itself become a 'new slum'.*

*'Affordable' is a vague term – a £1million property is 'affordable' to a multi-millionaire – it is relative. A concern, my concern is that affordable can (become to) be associated with low cost> low quality, cut cost> cut corners, low care, experimental, cheap, mediocre, second rate, ugly. The desire/ need to create housing can lead to high density, too close, crammed/ cramped ... we need to learn from previous about the need for space, green space, also.*

*The appearance and the character of this area is its charm and attractivity and this must be retained. That's not to say that anything new shouldn't happen – that would be stagnation; or that the traditional stone vernacular can't live beside new design making use of the technologies of the day. But that marriage has to be very carefully thought out. Traditional style and materials must be high on the list of considerations in the thinking and the planning. Striking that balance is hard to pinpoint and harder to achieve successfully – part of any success is carrying public/ community acceptance and being proud of it.*

*I am a bit of a traditionalist - the last thing Hebden needs is a blot on its landscape.*

The second comment is from a local resident, who unfortunately did not hear about the meeting.

*I would be grateful if you could outline the issues that development of Bridge Lanes would pose for the current residents. The proposal would lead to at least 2 major*

*problems that I can see. Firstly the problem of parking. Currently the only access to parking is the car parking space on BridgeLanes/ Stubbing Holmes Road. This is already crowded as residents have to compete with people who come to work and visit here. If the available parking on Stubblings Holme Road is also full then there is absolutely nowhere to park a car. I have only one car but commute to work - not being able to park my car for the week nearby has implications for safety and insurance. What are your proposals for parking? Would you think about planning to allocate parking to residents only in that space?*

*Secondly the development of that area would completely cut out any light to my house - the trees and space in front of the house were the prime reason I moved to this house and not another. At the time of my move (July 2015) the searches did not indicate your intention to develop the land. This would have altered my decision had this information been made available to me 6 months ago.*

*Obviously access and traffic flow will also be an issue in light of increased traffic due to builders, deliveries etc.*

*Also it is important that you publicise meetings on this issue. I understand from my neighbour that there was a meeting last Saturday - however I did not receive notification. If you could ensure that we are able to discuss this openly in the future I would be grateful.*

The CLT trustees are ensuring that both these local people are kept informed of any developments.