

As someone who has regularly used the disused railway for many years I feel I should comment as this situation seems ridiculous.

Building of two houses in this exact location was approved in 2015, and the Council stated it had also been implemented (in a later planning application).

That means that the development can go ahead for two houses, the only issue now is what are those houses to look like.

From the railway anyone can see that the site is just sitting waiting for the development to go ahead. A load of work has clearly been done in preparation including cutting down trees, building an access road and groundworks, this is all approved by planning.

Now the site does not look good as it is just left waiting.

The objections on here and the Council seem to be ignoring the fact that development has been approved and implemented on this site.

The only issue really is deciding on the best look for the houses. These proposed houses don't look bad to me, although the design of the last application I think probably looked better. Once built the houses won't really make a lot of difference visually they will blend in. They are set probably a storey below the railway so won't look intrusive, and from Bridge Road they will be shielded by the current old houses and the big oak trees.

As someone who uses the railway a lot, the flats next door with their clubhouse, plant room etc. do look awful. These proposed houses will look fine.

Getting on and building these houses will make the current site look much much better and I take it the derelict looking house at the front will be done up as part of the job.

Some of the objecting comments on here are a bit ridiculous, like the Gardens Trust saying Bridge Road is the "southern boundary of these historic woodlands" and this will be "destruction of the rear woodland aspect". Clearly this person doesn't live here and hasn't noticed all the many other houses between Bridge Road and the woods, like all of roundwood drive and reddings! Bridge Road is not the southern boundary of the woods.

The Conservation officer also does not take account of previous planning approval, why aren't they commenting on the best design for the houses. That would be more helpful and worthwhile, to get the right design aspects.

The Council should be talking to the developers about the house designs to get the most sympathetic and then approve the application so the whole site can finally be made to look good. I know a lot of people will be glad to see this site finally sorted out.