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Entry Details

Highways safety. Restricted and dangerous access to Crossley Field School at Wellhouse lane.

The Education Service response to the planning application indicates that Crossley Field School has a capacity of 623 pupils. The school attracts pupils from Mirfield, Dewsbury, Ravensthorpe, Savile town, Heckmondwike, and Huddersfield. A traffic movement survey, carried out by Project Mirfield back in 2013, highlights that 335 pupils arrive by car to attend the school.

Woodward Court, as the planned gateway to and from the 61 dwellings, attracts parents who park their cars at both sides of the court and in front of drives to the houses. Some parents arrive early to ensure they have a parking spot. This action affects the parents who arrive later, who then must manoeuvre their vehicles causing all kinds of safety issues and putting pedestrians at risk, most of them being young children.

The visibility coming out of Woodward Court to the left into Wellhouse Lane is heavily restricted. This point, which accommodates a large volume of school foot traffic, is very dangerous for pedestrians crossing.

Wellhouse Lane, Wellhouse Ave, Hepworth Lane, Hepworth Close, Lockwood Ave, Jenny Lane, suffer similar issues as set out above. All these roads form part of the route to and from Crossley Field School.

A large stretch of Wellhouse Lane between Hepworth Lane, and Flash Lane is already an area of great concern. The road cannot accommodate two-way traffic. Vehicles mount the 900mm wide footpath to pass oncoming vehicles which affects the safety of the pedestrians, and other road users.

The current problems in relation to road safety are already un-resolvable due to the design of the existing infrastructure and the positioning of Crossley Field School. Adding traffic of the planned 61 dwellings is unacceptable, highly irresponsible and will cause chaos. The increased volume of traffic will also increase the risk of a serious accident or could lead to loss of life.

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