

## About the application

Application number: 2018/62/91661/E	
What is the application for?:	Outline permission for residential development and facilitating engineering oper
Address of the site or building:	Land at Walkley Terrace and Brunswick Street, Heckmondwike
Postcode:	

## User comments

Type of comment: An objection
<p>As a home owner who lives in close proximity to this proposed development my objections are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- the short consultation period after the plans were outlined to the public (during the summer break when many householders are on holiday). This also means that the Grammar School headteacher and staff will be unable to make an objection although they will be directly affected by this development. They objected to the last planning application which was rejected</li><li>- massive traffic disruption due to the proposed building work from huge lorries delivering stone filled gabions, concrete or steel foundation blocks in addition to the usual building materials</li><li>- the safety aspect of huge lorries manoeuvring around the already congested small streets leading to Horton Street which will make entering and leaving our street a nightmare. Already at key school times it is impossible to drive around Church Street, Brunswick Street and Horton Street and the building work for the extension of the Grammar School Annexe already adds to the traffic congestion on Horton Street due to the deliveries and heavy machinery working on it.</li><li>- the noise and dust arising from the excavation of the railway cutting and the compacting of the material taken out. The pile driving into place of the lengths of foundation 'planks' which are proposed to be used instead of usual foundations will be extremely noisy and unbearable (I have researched this on You Tube) as our back garden (at the moment a peaceful haven for wildlife) is in very close proximity to the building site.</li><li>- the last planning application for this development was rejected and having studied the plans although fewer lorries will be used as the site will be infilled from excavating the sides of the cutting, I cannot see how lorries of the size required to deliver stone gabions and foundation 'planks' would be able to negotiate the small streets leading to the construction site. These streets are full of parked cars and are not wide.</li><li>- the local primary schools were over subscribed last year (Heckmondwike Primary, Norristhorpe and Holy Spirit). Where will the children from these family homes get their school places? I wonder what the figure of £182.859 quoted to contribute to fund 16.54 children will pay for as there is no space to build in the grounds of Heckmondwike Primary and such a paltry figure would certainly not cover it (I am a retired senior leader of a primary school who has had first hand experience of building work in schools)</li></ul>

- Heckmondwike has few green spaces and much of what there used to be has been given over to building work. The old railway cutting is the green corridor that joins the two parts of the Greenway and is a vital link for wildlife to use. There are foxes, bats, voles and many species of bird that use this area, many of which visit the local gardens around here. It is a great shame that the developer outbid Sustrans and then sat on this piece of land, preventing them from joining up the National Cycleway for the people of Heckmondwike and the surrounding area to use.

- Housing is of great importance but I believe that there are huge considerations to take into account in order to make residents lives bearable. Heckmondwike has had a massive amount of housing development in recent years. This has led to a traffic overload which is unsustainable - there is only one main road through Heckmondwike and the pollution levels from traffic in addition to the noise and congestion will only be made much worse by the addition of 74 new homes, each with 2 cars to add to our overcrowded roads.