

**Subject:** Planning Application: 2018/91661 Horton Street/Brunswick Street Heckmondwike

I wish to **strongly object** to the above planning application on the following grounds.

I have just recently moved onto Horton Street which I class as a small quiet residential area where under supervision it is safe for my children to play out and this is one of the reasons why we decided to move here but it deeply concerns me that this could be taken away.

The method the developer proposes of cutting into the embankment causes me major worry as I live on Horton Street just above the proposed development and fear that this method could cause major damage to my property and the land that slopes down to the proposed development.

I don't believe that the gabion retaining walls would be sufficient enough to sustain the land on the incline from the site.

The local roads surrounding the proposed development are already congested enough without adding more traffic especially at peak times it is already difficult enough for myself to return home to Horton Street by car as Church Street cant cope with the volume of traffic from Heckmondwike Grammar School and also people who use it as a rat run to avoid the traffic on High Street via Cawley Lane which then turns other local streets that connect onto Walkley Lane such as Horton Street/Brunswick Street, Brooke Street, John Street and Artillery Street and as a number of these streets are lined with terraced housing and allocated parking lines have been painted onto the road outside these houses therefore makes these streets single track, personally I have to delay my journey back home by 30 minutes to allow the Grammar school traffic to quiten down as it was virtually impossible for me to access home on Horton Street due to the volume of Grammar school traffic.

Its not only the grammar school traffic but also the Jehova's witness kingdom hall on Brunswick Street where cars are parked at both sides of the road on Brunswick Street/Horton Street for day time services and evenings and also St James Church on Church Street where the congregation or event has visitors parking along Church Street and along Horton Street.

Since the development of Brunswick Mills by Orion Homes has there been any improvements to the local roads/side streets to help with the safety/flow of traffic? Since this development cars are parked at both sides of the road on Brunswick Street which then turns it into single track

I myself have had a few near misses exiting Horton Street onto Church Street even off peak due to cars parking at either side of the road and ontop of the junction and therefore I feel that proposing to use Horton Street as the main access route to the development of the 72 houses will add an unprecedented amount of traffic.

How will the local schools be able to provide the extra school places that may be required?

When I enquired with local schools for my two children I was told that there was no available places therefore they attend a school out of area.

The amount of money that the developer proposes to fund towards local schools may be helpful to local schools but with many classes already at bursting point the amount of funds proposed will come nowhere near the amount needed to be able to build extra classrooms and that's if the school has the space to expand.

I feel that this development will take away habitats for the many species of wildlife

I also note on the planning application form the developer has incorrectly answered that there are no trees on the site and also incorrectly answered that there are no trees adjacent when in fact there are trees on the site and adjacent to the site is a woodland full of trees.

Thankyou for taking the time to read my concerns