

Subject: Objection to Planning Ref: 2018/91661 Horton Street/Brunswick Street
Heckmondwike

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

- Walkley Lane has recently been named the 9th most congested route in Britain so adding a possible 120 cars to this would be intolerable for the local resident of Heckmondwike unless a major overhaul of the road network in Heckmondwike is undertaken
- The extension of the Annexe which is a part of Heckmondwike Grammar school to accommodate sixth form students is situated on Church Street near to the junction for Horton Street is likely to result in more cars parked along Horton Street during school hours
- 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.
- 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.
- The surrounding roads will not be able to cope with the extra vehicles that will be used for the development and construction of the site
- The Railway cutting is very much seen by many local people as a much needed green space in a very overdeveloped area and holds a lot of history for the local area having connections to the locally known "80 Houses" terraced houses that were built in relation to the railway line and many people would like to see it used as a cycle path to be joined up to the existing Spen Valley Greenway and Spen Valley Ringway.
- Adjacent to the site is dense woodland which is home to a number of wildlife which the development would have a negative impact upon.
- The surrounding roads that would be used to exit Horton Street onto the main roads of Heckmondwike are already used for parking at both side by residents/ the industrial buildings/community centre/Jehovah's Kingdom Hall and St James Church therefore making them into a single track road.
- I find it alarming for the proposal of use of gabion baskets as the installation of this will no doubt cause quite a lot of noise pollution and also vibrations through the ground and it concerns me how my property and neighbouring properties leading upwards from the site on Horton Street will be affected by this and the damage it may cause.