

Dear Sir,

I am writing to object to planning application reference 2018/91661. I live on Walkley Lane and object to the proposal for the following reasons.

Firstly, the construction will cause the horrendous traffic in Heckmondwike to become even worse. This area of Heckmondwike where the development is planned is already one of the most congested areas in all of West Yorkshire- traffic queues from Heckmondwike town centre down Walkley Lane as far as Dewsbury Moor at all times of day as it is.

There simply is not the road infrastructure in place to cause further disruption and road usage in this area of Heckmondwike.

Secondly, the proposal plans to use Piling to build the houses on. This is extremely damaging to the ground and may cause subsidence to existing properties in the area. The area below and around the proposed development is known to be full of former mines and thus is not suitable to build on without potential risk of causing subsidence in the surrounding properties.

Furthermore, the noise pollution caused by the building will be disastrous to the residents as well as local wildlife

What is more, this piece of land is one of, if not the only piece of green space accessible to people in the bottom part of Heckmondwike. To take this away would make the air quality even worse and have a terrible impact on residents' quality of life.

Moreover, Heckmondwike has not got the infrastructure in terms of school places, doctors surgeries and dentists etc to absorb the people living in the proposed 74 houses in this development. We are already one of the most densely populated areas of Kirklees and this is another reason why this development should be opposed.

Furthermore, the proposed site is essentially a flood plain with all the water from the houses above the cutting running down it to escape. Walkley Lane already gets flooded when it rains heavily. If this site is built on, where will the excess water go? Without this piece of green space to help absorb some of the water and help it run away naturally, Walkley Lane risks being completely flooded and this is something which cannot be allowed to happen.

Also, this development is not included in the Kirklees' Local Plan and therefore should not be allowed to go ahead.

In conclusion, I have no problem with building new homes, but Heckmondwike and particularly the bottom part where the development is planned has reached saturation point and this development will ruin lives if it goes ahead. It will make the congestion in Heckmondwike even worse and will mean roads are almost impassable at any time of day.

Thank you for taking the time to read this objection, please do all you can to prevent this development from going ahead.