

Tuesday 13th August, 2018

To Whom It May Concern,

Please accept this as my objection to planning reference 2018/91661.

My reasons for objecting to this are outlined below:

- This area of Heckmondwike is already congested enough to due traffic from the three close by schools- Heckmondwike Grammar School, Heckmondwike Primary School and Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School. The increase in the number of houses around here will add to the already huge number of vehicles that use these roads. Church Street in particular becomes extremely congested before and after school with parents dropping off and collecting students. Also, throughout the day, Church Street is difficult to navigate due to cars from staff and sixth form students being parked there. I myself have been involved in a car accident on Church Street due to the difficulty in being able to get through after school time, and I fear that the increase in vehicles on this road will create even more road safety issues. I would also like to mention that the lorries and other vehicles that will need to use these roads to access the site will cause problems due to the amount of congestion and parked cars already there.
- The increase in vehicles on these roads will not only cause congestion issues, but will also cause increase in pollution, in an area that is already highly polluted. Not only air pollution but noise pollution from the increase in cars and lorries, plus noise carried from the site itself both whilst work is being carried out and once the houses are being lived in.
- Schools in the local area are already oversubscribed and so an increase in families to the area will only further strain the school places available. My eldest is starting school in September but I have a younger daughter who will be in need of a school place in a few years time and this may be harder to come by.
- My last point to mention is that Heckmondwike is lacking in green space, and the railway cutting and the field behind the houses on Horton Street is one of the few places where there is green space. My children love going for walks around here to see what wildlife they can find. We have seen rabbits, squirrels and even a vixen with cubs in the cutting in the past, as well as picking blackberries during the summer, and it would be a massive shame to see these animals lose their home.

I hope you will consider the comments I have outlined above and hope that you can understand why I strongly object to this development.

Yours sincerely,