

I wish to object on the the following grounds

- Traffic volumes - traffic through Heckmondwike is already too heavy at all times, with many cars and other vehicles using Church Street, Brunswick Street and Horton Street as rat-runs. More housing/development traffic will only increase noise, pollution, accidents, near-misses, congestion and journey times.
- Parking - the routes along Brunswick Street, Church Street , Horton Street and other local streets are increasingly full on both sides with parked vehicles. To use these for access to building is not feasible. An increase in local businesses, a nursery, a new community centre, the converted Goliath mill and now an expanding Grammar school sixth form college have all added to the number of parked cars at all times of day. The Grammar school sixth form extension will only add to this along Horton street in particular as it is located on the corner of Horton Street/Church St. More and more sixth form students travel by car and the nearest parking facility will be these streets. The same will be true if the community centre's outdoor space becomes unavailable for local residents/business users to park on. There are already difficulties with seeing out of road junctions due to all the parking.
- Stability of land. - How stable will the land be if the slope below is chopped away? The trees above must have deep and long roots which will surely be cut away if the plans go ahead. This must put the stability of some tall trees in doubt.
- Loss of countryside. - This may be formally classified as brownfield land, but is no eyesore. It joins various green wooded sites together and provides clear views form all areas. In itself, it is a area well visited by walkers, dog walkers etc because it is not a route through houses. Green fields/ woods/ meadows are in short supply. Replacing

a green and clean environment with housing is surely not environmentally friendly. To talk about introducing a wildlife area in the plan is of little sense. the plan is about destroying a wildlife area. One of the main sources of destroying this is the developer who has left many metal fence panels along the footpath at the top of the site from destructive work carried out a few years ago. These are still left in a dangerous and unsightly manner, as is the partly destroyed wall on Walkley Terrace - This suggests the proposed plans would probably be carried out in the same uncaring manner.

- Cycle path - The proposal for a shared cycle path to link others on the plan is surely an afterthought and will not work in practise. The slope to negotiate would be far too unsafe for many to walk down and difficult for many to cycle up or down safely.
- Proposed junction with Horton Street - One look at the damaged kerbstones will show that many cars have skidded in bad weather and crashed into this kerb coming down the hill - There must be concern that skidding into another junction is creating a more dangerous situation. The bend on Horton street is often difficult to negotiate because of parked cars making it difficult to see round the bend when having to drive on the wrong side of the road. There is already a dangerous unmarked junction between Horton Street and Brunswick Street and another between Horton Street and Sunnyside - care is exercised by most residents, but not always by visitors or those unfamiliar or using the aforementioned ratrun.
- Pedestrian Safety - Am I right in thinking the proposal is for a road with no pedestrian pavement or footpath? Surely this is not a safe way to develop housing.

Regards