

Dear Sirs

We are the engineering company referred to in some of the reports; backing onto the propose development.

Whilst we understand the need for additional housing we do have our concerns about the work required to make that land usable and the suitability of that site.

The cut and fill and the piling required worries us.

This area was once a colliery. We have a disused mineshaft within our boundary; this is inspected every year by the Coal Authority for movement and has recently had to be topped up with cement as it had been sinking. We have a concern that it doesn't seem to be accurately known exactly where all the old shafts are. We think that one of the shafts run directly under our factory.

We have a concern that when the cut is started that there is a chance it could have an effect on the stability of our building. We also feel that not enough is known about the effect of the piling operation on the land stability.

We would be receptive to vibration monitoring equipment being fitted by the builders within our factory, but we have concerns that work would not be stopped immediately if any changes were recorded. Our greatest concern is that it could be too late by the time the alarm is sounded and our building would already have suffered.

I travel from home in Mirfield to Heckmondwike every morning and I make a point of leaving work as late as possible on an evening to go home, I try to avoid travelling through Heckmondwike 2.30 to 6pm as the traffic is horrendous, the effect of the building work will just add to this and once the houses are built (should you actually grant permission) there only seems to be one way in and out of the estate by vehicle, is that really sensible?

