

About the application

Application number: 2018/91661	
What is the application for?:	Outline permission for residential development and facilitating engineering oper
Address of the site or building:	Land at Walkley Terrace and Brunswick Street, Heckmondwike
Postcode:	

User comments

Type of comment: An objection
<p>I would like to object to the permission for residential development and facilitating engineering operations and full planning permission for access and spine road (2018/62/91661/E) on the land at Walkley Terrace and Brunswick Street in Heckmondwike.</p> <p>My objection is based on the impact that this will have on the local area. The construction of these houses is likely to have an impact on the congestion and traffic on the main roads through the town (Walkley Lane/Market Street and High Street) as the works vehicles would have to travel along these roads and, if the building should be built, this will increase the amount of residential traffic. The roads cannot cope as it is and there needs to be further assessment of the roads and a management strategy before any works should be permitted.</p> <p>Another thing to consider is that the area is also lacking in jobs as well as school places and there is a lack of infrastructure to support the development of new school buildings within our area. The streets are often clogged with parents and so the council should prioritise developing the existing infrastructure and transport links as well as encouraging greener eco-friendly travel (walking, cycling, public transport) instead of burdening it with increased commuter traffic. There already exists a great cycle route and it is a shame that the completion of the remaining area of the Spen Valley Ringway has not been encouraged and prioritised as this would serve as a great link for walkers and cyclers alike. This development threatens the Ringway as there is no commitment to keep it and the plans show houses and gardens over the top of it. However, if the track was to be reconnected it would involve a steep incline, so it appears that what would be a relatively flat and simple track would be turned into a climb which may discourage users of the track completely making it a redundant space.</p> <p>The area selected is also one of the very few green spaces Heckmondwike has to offer that is free from traffic and pollution and where you can hear and see birds and crickets singing. The area is also home to a vast array of wildlife which really comes to life in the Summer with all the insects (bees, butterflies, moths), mammals as well as birds and amphibians. The ecological assessment took place in the Spring soon after the bad weather we recently had and over the period of a day. Therefore, this could not take into account the diversity this site truly has to offer. This is not a brownfield site as the developers are so keen to</p>

...they had to show this to the council as the developers are unable to describe it in any sense of the matter and a quick look at satellite imaging on Google would easily demonstrate this especially when compared to the actual brown space adjacent to Algernon Firth Park. Also, the construction of a play area on such a precious and biodiverse area seems redundant considering the existing play area within the vicinity of the proposed site, would it not be better to develop and enrich the existing play area rather than take up space that could be better used for the environment. This area not only serves as an excellent place to walk your dog in piece but in summer it is also a great place to have a picnic and bathe in the sun whilst admiring the wildlife and views over Dewsbury moor and further afield. The construction of these houses will not only ruin this lovely view but will remove this much-loved green space and the homes of the wildlife. Nature is proven to be a benefit to human health and wellbeing. Removal of this natural green area will no doubt have an impact on the environment and reduce the amount of green space in Heckmondwike which will have a negative impact on our health and wellbeing. The applicant has also clearly lied in the application stating that there are no trees in the area, yet this is not true.

Please, I ask you to take into account the opinions and objections of the public and to consider them seriously. This proposal has already been refused once and there has been little change to the developers plans to warrant further consideration.