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I didn't feel I would have to be writing a second objection this year, this time for the altered new application.

I write detailing my objections to the proposed planning application. Much of what I have to see was stated in my previous objection to the owner's last application except that there is no longer a proposal to permit the area to be used as a dump. There has been no public consultation this time, though the one for the last proposal was hardly well advertised. Should one have taken place to garner views from the people affected.

My objections are that there is limited access to the site, at present the Grammar School are redeveloping the annexe this has taken over six months and is still ongoing. This is only a small scale development and it has added considerably to the traffic and ease of access onto Horton Street from Church Street (and of course vice versa) with work traffic obscuring the sight lines for turning traffic.

The school is increasing the intake at year 7 to 210 pupils this will add greatly to the traffic in the area. The proposed development will only add to an increase of traffic in the area. This will have an effect of an increase in air pollution in the area. Heckmondwike has the highest level of air pollution in Kirklees, although this is at the Swan traffic lights at present with an increase in road usage in this area it is possible that this would move to the present intended site and environs.

There is presently a shortage of school places for local people, (despite the Grammar School's increase) the people on the new development would have to travel further to take their children to school, or if places were taken by the new development, others who would have had places would now have to travel further, increasing traffic usage when highway traffic usage should be going down.

As the proposal has been requested now whilst the schools are on holiday there is less road usage at present, and a detailed traffic survey cannot take place. Our own traffic survey for the other proposal showed that the owner's previous traffic survey outcome was somewhat low as the one that we did showed a much higher usage of the roads leading to and from the site.

The proposal to use the piling system for the building of the development will have a detrimental effect on the lives of the site's neighbours especially the ones adjacent to the site at the mill's development. The noise and dust as the land was redeveloped would have an impact on the health and wellbeing (both physical and mental) of these people. The noise would have a devastating effect on any night workers needing to sleep during the day and any persons' enjoyment of sitting in gardens etc would be severely affected by the noise of the pile driving. I also feel that the estate of 74+ houses would have a detrimental effect and add to the problems of flooding in Walkley lane and on the Greenway. I notice that there is no provision for a new cycle way to attach the Ringway to the Greenway this time.

Does the site need to be built at all? It is not part of the Council's plan for any future development. There will be a lack of a green space for the people of Heckmondwike, although designated as a 'brownfield' site there is a wide range of habitats in the area supporting wildlife, (bats; foxes; voles

). The site had had the top part cleared a few years ago and the lowest part had been cleared many years before that. Trees have re grown in the area it would be a shame to lose them now.

As Horace said "**ataram expelles furca, tamen usque recurret**", or, "You can drive out nature with a pitchfork, but she keeps on coming back".

I may be being a touch cynical but the timing of this application during August when schools are closed and people are on holiday, as there may be people unable to view or write objections to the proposed development at this time.