

To: Planning ContactCentre
Subject: I would like to object as a local resident to this planning application Planning application 2018/91661

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Dear Kirklees planners

The local schools and other service are already at full capacity and cannot cope with a further influx of residents into this area. This has not been given any proper consideration by those making this application as they have failed completely to consult with or engage with local people in any way.

Our roads are already severely congested especially in the morning and around school closing time. The traffic is already double parked and moving slowly around all the local roads but especially Brunswick street and Horton Street where slow moving cars pour their pollution into our homes. This affects the local elderly and young people as there is already a high level of pollution recorded in our area because of the proximity of busy roads criss- crossing this area. The works , if allowed , will add to this existing high level of pollution and noise which will impact on this vulnerable group . If the planned houses are built the additional 150 or so cars will cause further grid lock on our roads and increase even further the already unacceptable levels of pollution and noise. Our children, old people and our sick residents will inevitably suffer .

Heckmondwike is already full. It has done its bit for the house building needs of the area. The extra noise and air pollution caused by the works and any ultimate building is more than Heckmondwike and the local area can or should have to tolerate. We already live cheek by Jowell as nearly every bit of land has been built on. There is very little open space in or around Heckmondwike and this rare and valuable open space should not be destroyed to build houses. This area has not been allocated for housing in the LDF .

This is an area where we have a high accident rate on our roads and these works and houses if allowed to go ahead will inevitably make this worse.

The area in question is a valuable part of a local railway line that could join up an important green corridor around this heavily built upon and pollution ridden area. The works will destroy the local wildlife environment for bats, rare birds and mammals that use this corridor. The proximity to the Fishing Pond on the nearby greenway will result in damage to that environmental which is a haven for rare species of and other birds and mammals. In addition deer have been seen at this local pond. Any development on this land will adversely impact the our valuable and rare local wildlife.

The carrying out of these works and the necessary use of “pilings” will inevitably impact upon the night shift workers due to the high level of noise created during the day time.

As an alternative to this proposal Local residents would be prepared to purchase the land for public use to connect the greenway to the ring way and to maintain and safeguard it for the benefit of the local and future community .

any development that destroys this green environment and increases the pollution in the area. already struggle to travel independently around our heavily congested roads where many cars are forced to park on the pavements because of the congestion. The local mill development has significantly added to the burden on the local roads causing parking on both sides of the street and increasing the parking on pavements. If this planning application is allowed it will make travel around the area much more difficult and I would ask that a full disability impact assessment is carried out before this application is considered.

No one in this area supports this application and no one I have spoken to wants to see this valuable area of green space destroyed. I would urge you to reject this application.