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Mr. Simon Taylor,
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Planning,
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Civic Centre 3,
Off Market Street,
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Your ref: 2019/91728 –Spinks Mill off Huddersfield Road, Meltham

Dear Sir,

I would like to express my objections/concerns to the above proposed industrial development.

- ❖ Highway issues – A fourth junction on this short stretch of highway will increase the risks to pedestrians and vehicle users. From my own observations there is a 14% non compliance with speed restrictions which is a 5% increase on the national average for a single road used by cars. The five year planning projection for traffic has not taken into account the planned residential project for the site off Station Road nor the proposed residential project on Huddersfield Road not a quarter of a mile away northbound. Illegal parking on Bent Ley Road is a daily concern, having an impact on those accessing the industrial units, Meltham tip and for residents exiting their property.
- ❖ Flood plains – The proposed man-made structures may potentially alter the water table and thus make our home uninsurable. Our sewers may not be able to cope with any further pipework additions, there is an ageing water treatment works with meters of this site which does not currently appear to be fully functional.
- ❖ Tree and woodland strategy – It is my belief this is not being adhered to, with oak, birch, beech and ash being removed and in some instances Leylandii being the replacement.

These birds are protected by The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and have an AMBER status. Bats are not only to the northern part of the site but to the east as well. Regularly seen are Kestrels/harriers/partridge together with all other woodland birds are common place what assurances do we have that these and other wildlife will not be adversely affected.

- ❖ Some of the planning assessments are based on desk top surveys and/or digital surveys. Surely therefore, a true picture of space and reality cannot be correctly assessed.
- ❖ Noise/disturbance/pollution – Increase in traffic, chemicals used in the printing process and textile industry add to air pollutants. Short term effects are on those who have respiratory conditions with increased demand on health services. Long term effects are cardiac/respiratory problems and risk of stroke with the inevitable burden on our health services. The potential noise/disturbance levels is an increased risk which will further disturb already poor sleep patterns and affect our own health and wellbeing.
- ❖ There are a number of empty industrial units on the Meltham Mills and Bent Ley industrial estates – why do we need further units? Some of the current units are operating on Sundays – do they have a licence to trade on a Sunday? If yes, does this licence say they accept HGV's/articulated vehicles before 8 am? If the current units are operating outside of their licences who is monitoring this and who will monitor the new developments?
- ❖ I do not believe any thought has been put into the closeness of this development to my home or my immediate neighbours. Are we not classed as a 'sensitive' site? The layout in relation to my home and that of my neighbours is inappropriate. If this industrial development is granted whether in its current state or amended my home will be surrounded by industry. This will inevitably reduce the saleable market value of my home. How can this be justified?

Please consider my concerns and objections in a positive light, thanking you in anticipation.