

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: reference 2019/62/92787/E - Land at Owl Lane, Chidswell, Dewsbury

I am writing to object to the above planning application.

1) From the plans submitted, no consideration has been taken of the following issues regarding the surrounding road networks that are already under significant strain:

- A) The road networks that links to Owl Lane are already congested; at peak times there are issues all along Owl Lane. Accessing Owl Lane from Old Leeds Road out of Gawthorpe Village, often causes traffic queues to the village school and up Pickering Lane, this is because vehicles are unable to turn right onto Owl Lane due to the volumes of traffic in both directions.
- B) Traffic coming away from Ossett wanting to join the A638 Chancery road and the Ossett bypass find it difficult to exit away from Ossett. Traffic queues all the way down Kingsway and Dewsbury road B6128 and B6129.
- C) Traffic travelling to and from Dewsbury along Chancery Road A638 is congested both ways this also affects the traffic coming on and off the roundabout at the end of Owl Lane.
- D) Chidswell Lane is already used to try and avoid all of the congestion issues above. At peak times road users divert through Gawthorpe Village and along Chidswell Lane towards Leeds Road and vice versa. Any additional traffic caused by this build and the upcoming application for the site off Leeds road, of over 1500 houses and a 35 hector industrial estate will make the road network in these areas impossible to travel along at peak times.

2) The plans show 17 houses of a 2 and 3 bed nature with driveways backing straight onto Chidswell Lane. As no additional foot path is included this will be unsafe for all road users. These plans also only show 1 car parking space for the 2 bed houses and 1.5 for the 3 with little or no additional visiting spaces. This will mean that residents and visitors will park on Chidswell Lane, a road that isn't wide enough to facilitate on street parking safely. All of the above will make it unsafe for children and other road users.

3) The plans show that a large number of the house have direct access off and onto Windsor Road. This road is already problematic to its current road users due to poor visibility up and down the hill and parking of cars on both sides of the road.

4) Chidswell Lane is used by the community as a green lane to walk, jog, cycle, horse ride and families using the lane to go for walks with small children and elderly relatives. This is a well-used recreational lane: taking away green fields in this area will reduce recreational activity as there will no longer be any green space to enjoy that is accessible to all. Reducing recreational space goes against all policies: the government is trying to increase recreational

activity in all age groups to promote a healthy outdoor life style, this should be encouraged not destroyed.

3) Air pollution is a large topic and is proven to increase and impact on local communities in built up areas, it will not only increase for the next 5 years while the building is going on for this development but this is directly connected to the large build proposed to be built off Leeds Road, which is a 20 year plan. The building works alone will have a direct impact on air pollution for the community for years to come; then beyond with the additional traffic and standing congestion.

4) Schools in the local area are already stretched and a development of this size and type could have at least 200 + children living on the development. There are no plans within the submission to ease this issue, Nursery places are also limited.

5) Local Doctors and Dentists have very limited spaces or waiting lists.

6) Hospitals in the area – Dewsbury and Wakefield are already stretched to capacity with reports of no beds and patients on chairs and trolleys in the hallways.

I would also like it noted that the communities of Chidswell, Shawcross, Gawthorpe, Ossett and surrounding areas affected by the Kirklees local plan feel there was insufficient notifications, information, publications and public consultations surrounding the release of greenbelt and green space for the purpose of building homes and industrial space in this magnitude. It is the communities feeling that there are no "exceptional circumstances" in this or the proposed site off Leeds Road, Chidswell. These areas should not have been allocated to KMC's local plan without a larger public consultation of the communities. The process has not been as open and transparent as it should have been for such large proposed developments.

I would like these objections to be reviewed, noted and taken into consideration.

Yours sincerely