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Dear Sirs,

I cannot help but feel as though there are people out there with the pure intention to destroy this area. You only need to look at all of the "For Sale" boards popping up in the area to see how upset people are by the proposed planning permissions. People are near enough being forced out of their homes because the area is being turned into a place that people simply do not want to live in.

The traffic on Leeds Road, Owl Lane and Chidswell Lane is appalling as it stands - particularly on an evening when it doubles as a race track. Not to mention Windsor Road which is already being used as a shortcut route. The McDonalds would only add to this problem and cause more traffic. There is a McDonalds restaurant 10 minutes away in Wakefield which is placed in a retail park and does not affect people's houses. Similarly there is a brand new McDonalds off Tingley roundabout, again 10 minutes away, and again not affecting people's houses because it is placed on its own away from any housing estates. Both of these restaurants offer delivery for those who don't drive, so if people want a McDonalds so desperately, it is not difficult to get one. The proposed planning to have this restaurant literally in people's back gardens and very close to several other houses, is both ridiculous and selfish at best.

It is common knowledge that such restaurants attract vermin and tonnes of litter. People do not use the bins at the McDonalds restaurants locally, the car parks are filthy and so it attracts vermin. How extremely unfair to put local residents at risk of having to deal with vermin on their properties because of this.

During recent times, small businesses have particularly struggled to stay afloat. There is a small food van on Owl Lane and also several small cafes close by, I can only imagine how this cheap chain restaurant would negatively affect their livelihood. We need to support small businesses as a priority over the large chain restaurants.

I fear this will be used as an area for youths to gather on an evening. We have a problem around this area with youths, car damages, bike thefts, and just general anti social behaviour. This will give these groups another place to hang around. Again, highly unfair for the local residents.

My final point is the health of the local children attending the schools that are close by, one being directly opposite. I work with children and the health and well-being of them should be absolutely paramount. The NHS are struggling and are campaigning for people to lead a healthier lifestyle and have a constant battle to fight child obesity. How would a McDonalds help this?

I cannot see a single positive to this planning. It is completely pointless and an unnecessary use of land. There are so many McDonalds (and other junk food places) close by. I suspect the people who would agree to this planning are not those who would have to live with this ghastly restaurant in their back yard.

Please help to stop our beautiful area being ruined even more than it already is. It is truly heartbreaking to see. I completely appreciate that people enjoy McDonalds, but I think the proposed placing for this particular restaurant is terrible. This would be better in the town centre, or alternatively even just a plot of land that will not disturb people in their homes. Imagine how you would feel if a McDonalds was built in your parents or grandparents back garden, or even your own garden.

I wholeheartedly object to this planning and will honestly lose faith in humanity should this be accepted.

Kind regards.