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Subject: 2020/60/92331/E Land East of Leeds Road, Chidswell, Shawcross, Dewsbury

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I strongly object to the above development.

This will be the largest loss of good quality agricultural land in Kirklees which can never be replaced.

It will have a detrimental impact on the two ancient woodlands and habitats. These ancient woodlands and habitats need to be protected.

The whole area is teeming with wildlife and birds. I regularly see the barn owl and have plenty of evidence. We've seen hares throughout the summer and even deer. There are reports of otters and kingfishers breeding in the area. The wildlife reports are out of date or inaccurate.

The traffic is forever increasing. As far as I'm aware the traffic/highway surveys were carried out during COVID LOCKDOWN when the roads were at their quietest.

Since this time Shawcross now has a McDonald's restaurant, nearly 300 newbuild homes on Owl Lane and a further 50 newbuild homes on Challenge Way.

Gawthorpe village has also seen an increase in traffic due to Chidswell Lane constantly used as a 'rat run'. It's a narrow, single lane country road.

I have to visit this area everyday and the thought of losing it is utterly heart breaking and sickening.

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