

About the application

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| Application number: 2020/92331 | |
| What is the application for?: | Outline planning application for demolition of existing dwellings and developmen |
| Address of the site or building: | Land east of, Leeds Road, Chidswell, Shaw Cross, Dewsbury |
| Postcode: | |

User comments

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| Type of comment: An objection |
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I believe that this development would be extremely detrimental to the local area in which it is to be built and would cause multiple problems.

1.) There is already an extremely heavy load of traffic travelling daily down the main Leeds Road, particularly during morning and evening peak times. The construction of multiple entrances to this development along Heybeck Lane, Leeds Road and Chidswell Lane would add to the already swollen numbers of vehicles travelling along Leeds Road causing congestion and further air pollution. This is extremely concerning given that many local primary children walk to school on Leeds Road and the extra traffic would compromise their safety. Traffic often fails to stop at the pelican crossing opposite Shaw Cross Infants school as it is, as cars race to get through the next set of lights before they change.

2.) Hanging Heaton Primary School, Shaw Cross Infants School and Hill top Primary School already have difficulties with working parents arriving in cars to drop off and collect children from school as this poses parking difficulties for many and often creates dangerous levels of traffic and dangerous parking situations. The addition of a two form entry primary school would again add to the volume of traffic potentially causing more traffic accidents and delay to commuters and local residents in getting to work and managing their daily lives.

3.) All the local High Schools are already at capacity and oversubscribed with many families having to take their second or third choice of school. An extra 60 children from the new primary school alone applying for places each year would be problematic for High School admissions, there has been no promise of a new High School to accommodate the extra pupils.

4.) This is an area of green belt land and natural beauty. Many local people go for walks in this area. Exercise is part of the Government's wish to tackle obesity, well being and mental health. With this land gone, many local people will have to drive to find a place to walk in the countryside and indeed some older people may be unable to drive, this is stripping them of the ability to be able to take exercise in the form of local walks and to enjoy and appreciate the local nature.

5.) The plans to change this land from green belt to development land were originally rejected due to objections from the public. These plans have been submitted again during the Covid lockdown period when local people did not know and have chance to voice their opinions on this. Doing this during a time of national crisis is deplorable, a time when many had enormous worries in their personal lives! Citizen need a fair opportunity to be informed of local developments and to comment on them if desired.