

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 would like to object to this proposed development on the following grounds:

In a time when we are encouraged to protect the environment at all costs and to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, developments like this are tearing up valuable green spaces and are totally altering the eco-structure of our local areas. This land acts as a zero carbon emission 'green lung' between not one but three local authorities - Kirklees, Wakefield and Leeds and it would be wrong to develop an area when it has a vital role to play with future generations, who will over time lose more and more of this type of land.

Green spaces were recognised last century by governments as having major benefits to the wellbeing of the population and to prevent urban sprawl, which is why areas were designated and protected as 'Greenbelt' land. These areas were supposed to act as a barrier to protect local identities, flora and fauna and as such to restrict future building from taking place. There is a delicate balancing act between nature and its destruction and only removing one small piece of it - that being an insect, animal, or plant can have major consequences further along the line. Once the ecology of an area has been destroyed, it is gone forever - a point proved in the neolithic period when huge expanses of ancient woodland on the Yorkshire Moors was cleared, in the name of agricultural progress which resulted in the moorland we now have today. If an area is destroyed it will never be what it once was and will take hundreds if not thousands of years to recover.

Those who are children now and have no voice to express their views about this development are the ones who will pay the highest price in the future as they are the ones who will have to live with these decisions. Their health will suffer as a result of increased numbers of transport along the A653 and as a result, respiratory illnesses will increase placing extra demands on already stretched to capacity Drs surgeries within the area. Currently these plans have no provision to build any extra Drs surgeries.

Local schools have no spare capacity to support the amount of children who would need school places and again the plans do not have any provision to build any new schools within this area. This will again lead to increased traffic levels from children to use transport to get to other schools out of the area and will exacerbate congestion on routes in this area at peak times.

There are also no provisions made for other public amenities, which would also place further demands on already over subscribed public amenities within this and surrounding areas.

The development also is contrary to the Government National Planning Policy Framework, which supports health, social and cultural well being and therefore as a does not fit the remit for this application.