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To: [DCAdmin](#)
Subject: Ref 2020/92331
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to formally object to the large scale application reference 2020/92331 from Kirklees Council for Land East of Leeds Road at Chidswell, Shaw Cross, Dewsbury

The reasons for objecting are:

This area was Greenbelt Land and acted as a buffer between the communities of Tingley, West Ardsley, Chidswell and Shawcross. This development will fundamentally breach the principles of the Greenbelt and the application should be refused on this basis alone.

The site is a valuable green community asset and is used for walking and other recreational activities. Its development will undermine both Leeds City Council and Kirklees Councils Public Health policies as it will remove an opportunity for exercise and to reduce levels of obesity especially in children and young people. This also undermines Public Health England's policies and recommendations.

The impact of the additional up to 1354 homes on local infrastructure will be significant. This number will generate an additional 338 children across all age ranges at a primary level and 134 children a secondary level. Local primary and secondary schools do not have the capacity to accommodate these extra children and there is no clear infrastructure plan for how and where these additional students will be accommodated.

Local health centres are struggling to accommodate the present demand from residents already living in the area. The additional 6,000 new patients this housing development will generate cannot be accommodated in present health centres. There is no clear infrastructure plan of how these additional new patients will be accommodated and their health needs supported

Leeds City Council has recently agreed a 300 house application at West Ardsley which will absorb any additional capacity local schools and health centres presently have. This development cannot be regarded as sustainable and is therefore contrary to the NPPF.

The additional traffic generated by this application cannot be accommodated on the A653 as the road is presently heavily congested. Highways England have provided no new plans on how the additional traffic generated by both the housing development and the industrial estate can be accommodated at Junction 28 of the M62. Junction 28 is also at the top the Leeds City Councils sites of concerns because of its poor accident record. The additional traffic using junction 28 as a result of this application will increase the number of accidents at an already unsafe junction as well as increasing already unsustainable levels of congestion at this junction and along the A653.

The development of this site - both the housing and industrial estate elements - will undermine Leeds City Councils declared Climate Emergency by increasing CO2 levels and removing trees and grassland that absorb significant levels of CO2. This development is also contrary to Central Governments commitment to work towards a zero CO2 emissions position.

The impact on already concerning pollution levels to residents who live along A653 will

also worsen. Additional vehicle movements - which are inevitable from the housing and industrial elements of the application - will increase pollution levels and undermine Leeds City Councils policy of delivering cleaner air to all residents.

The removal of this site as a greenfield site will undermine bio-diversity as trees and hedgerows are removed and the area concreted over for housing and industrial use.

Please take these comments into account when considering this application and I wish to speak at the meeting where the application will be considered.

Regards