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Dear Madam/Sir,

Proposed Buildings' Development at Chidswell

I am a resident of North Ossett, approx 1.5 miles from the proposed site, and I wish to register my objections to the above mentioned proposals; my rationale is below.

There are many reasons why the above proposals should not go ahead, these include the health and wellbeing of residents in North Kirklees/Wakefield Met including North Ossett, Gawthorpe, and the surrounding areas. People in these areas will suffer immensely from the prospect of poor air quality, the inevitable increase in traffic on the A653, pollution from mechanical engineering which poses the increased threat to asthma, respiratory and associated pollution related diseases, and increased population in an area where schools, local infrastructure, Dr's surgeries/Dewsbury District Hospital etc are already under pressure.

These are all very serious issues. However, I believe the environmental/green issues are being overlooked and underestimated, and if these proposals were to go ahead it will amount to nothing short of an environmental disaster.

I have known and walked this section of countryside all my life, 55 plus years. The area in question acts as a green lung for the area separating the areas of Kirklees, Wakefield and Leeds. It contains many farms, streams, footpaths, wildlife, flora and fauna and the two ancient oak woodlands Dogloitch Wood and Dum Wood which are of immense environmental and historical importance. The beautiful fields surrounding these two woodlands provide the resources and water table to keep the woodlands alive and any interference to this area would not only destroy the beautiful countryside but undoubtedly would damage or destroy the woodlands. On inspection of the plans there are proposals to put industrial units in the farmer's field adjoining the back of Dogloitch Wood, this is absolute madness.

I find the proposals sickening and immoral (all done in the interests of capital) and cannot imagine how, when one looks at the Government's National Planning Policy, it could have been considered in the first place. Is it not illegal to take a piece of countryside of this quality out of greenbelt, and put it into development? Considering the push to a greener way of life in the light of global warming, these proposals really are astounding.

I believe the way to benefit everyone in the local community is to leave this countryside as it is, for our children and great grandchildren. Please will you register my objection and reply to my questions?

Yours sincerely