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Land east of, Leeds Road, Chidswell, Shaw Cross, Dewsbury

Outline planning application for demolition of existing dwellings and development of phased mixed use scheme comprising residential development (up to 1,354 dwellings), employment development (up to 35 hectares of B1 (part a and c), B2, b8 uses), residential institution (C2), development (up to 1 hectare), a local centre (comprising A1/A2/A3/A4/A5/D1/D2 uses), a 2 form entry primary school including early years provision, green space, Access and other associated infrastructure.

Land south of, Heybeck Lane, Chidswell, Shaw Cross, Dewsbury outline planning permission for residential development (Use Class C3) of up to 181 dwellings, engineering and site works, demolition of existing property, landscaping, drainage and other associated infrastructure.

Dear Mr. Franklin,

Where outline planning permission is sought as outlined above, I have the following comments to make:

I was born and bred and have seen many changes in the neighbourhood – some good and some not so good.

Years ago open cast drilling took place on the meadows behind Heybeck Lane for a time destroying the peace and creating noise and dust for everyone adjacent to the meadows. In addition there are colliery seams running under these fields from the old Shaw Cross Colliery which creates subsidence.

This land, as proposed, acts as a zero carbon “green lung” separating Kirklees, Wakefield and Leeds; building on land at Chidswell and the fields behind Heybeck Lane will create massive urban sprawl with the community losing their identity.

Destroying trees and hedgerows will have a negative effect on the varied wildlife in the countryside in these areas, not to mention the impact these proposed developments will have on pollution, noise, and the health and safety of children and the elderly with the threat of the increase in thousands of extra vehicles using the A653 (Dewsbury to Leeds and areas) and the B6124 (Batley to Wakefield and areas).

Traffic jams are a constant feature when driving down Soothill Lane to Batley or driving to and from Leeds. Road surfaces are constantly being eroded by HGV's and the weight of traffic using these links to the M62 and M1.

Local schools are currently operating at capacity and the proposed scheme for building up to 1,354 dwellings will not improve the situation, even with the proposed 2 form entry

primary school, including early years provision.

Doctors' surgeries are already under pressure and public amenities would be unable to cope with such a planned rise in the population.

The effect on living conditions, which have been enjoyed by everyone in these areas will be a negative one as the privacy for neighbours and the peaceful environment will be destroyed.

I refer you to Section 13 of the Government's National Planning Policy Framework, Paragraphs 133 to 147: Protecting Green Belt.

These proposed developments are contrary to the Government's National Planning Policy Framework which supports health, social and cultural wellbeing.

Yours sincerely,