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FAO THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICE

I am writing in regards to correspondence received from Kirklees Council date 10th August 2020, with the above reference outlining the plans for the development on Leeds road, Chidswell, Shaw Cross, Dewsbury.

I believe these plans are not acceptable for a number of reasons.

Firstly, considering my own health issues and on behalf of others with breathing issues, being a major route into and out of Kirklees, the pollution on Leeds road is already way above safe levels now, and with local authorities across the UK, introducing clean air zones and the vehicle industry working tirelessly to achieve a more carbon neutral product, it seems bizarre that on our door step, we are threatened with such plans, which will cause a huge increase in pollution, both in the creation of the proposed development and infrastructure, but also the extra energy sources required to facilitate the development.

Secondly, considering the environmental impact of this proposal, within this location we have a considerable, well established green area, which throughout the covid-19 lockdown has seen a thriving increase in the bird population, likely to have been influenced by the availability of this local flourishing habitat, which is at significant risk from this development if it was to go ahead, whereby a large number of vital plants and trees would have to be sacrificed to accommodate the plans, when in fact we are seeing extreme weathers and environmental disasters and that we all have a responsibility towards, in preventing existing and future irreversible climate change.

Thirdly, there are playing fields in this location where children access for sporting and leisure reasons, both again key considerations in the county's commitment towards combatting obesity, and as such, destroying amenities such as these, with increased traffic in the area, equating to increased pollution, these proposals are counter intuitive and extremely ill considered, having an impact on the area, through the removal of essential green belt locations, which we should be preserving for our and future generations.

I speak for many in this area, seeking a common sense approach to this proposed development and similar, that we must all look at how our reckless decisions today have a disastrous effect on all of our tomorrows.