

About the application

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:	

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Type of comment: An objection

The proposed development would have a major detrimental effect on the local area including air quality, noise pollution as well as damage to the established natural wildlife habitat. The existing habitat is host to a variety of flora and fauna including foxes, rabbits, hedgehogs and amphibians not to mention nesting birds which return year on year, even birds of prey have been sighted in the area. The area is used by local residents and others for walks away from the noise of the roads and to enjoy the peace and clean air of the natural environment. To continue with this development would wipe out this important and sensitive natural habitat.

The proposed development of the area includes the creation of an industrial estate with units varying in sizes. Some, if not all, of which will dominate the landscape and will more than likely affect the amount of natural light afforded to homes, affecting the wellbeing of residents currently along the A653. The development also indicates the construction of over 1300 "new homes" and a "new school". The school indicated on the plans does not appear anywhere near adequate in size to serve the needs for the proposed new development. I am unable to see any capacity figures for the "new school" or the expected population increase the development would cause. What can be assumed is that the population increase would more than likely be in excess of 2,500, meaning the "new school" would need to cater for at least 1300 new pupils.

If completed this development would more than likely have a detrimental effect on the security of the area as crime would increase. This is inevitable whilst the site is under development and particularly so once completed.

Industrial estates are well known for attracting vermin and this one would be no exception meaning an increased likelihood the vermin being brought closer to existing homes.

The A653 already suffers from heavy traffic volumes, particularly at peak times, and the proposed development intends to introduce a substantial increase. If the proposed development is approved it will mean more heavy goods vehicles coming and going from the site whilst under development and continuing once completed. These heavy goods vehicles would have to cross 2 live lanes of the A653 to travel towards the M62 at Tingley meaning a major impact of highway safety leading to an increased risk of major and or fatal accidents. There has already been severe accidents on this road due to the amount and speed of vehicles using the road. There was a fatal accident only a few years ago at the junction of Quarry Lane which involved a heavy goods vehicle that crossed the A653 entering Quarry Lane and struck a pedestrian. The residential part of the development would also vastly increase the amount of vehicles using and crossing the A653 further increasing the likelihood of serious or major accidents.

Accurate surveys and truthful, clear reports in plain English taking in to account the many issues the development would cause including the lasting welfare of the wildlife and local residents need to be carried out. The residents around the local area are strongly against the development and for good reason. This development would cause irreversible damage.