



We strongly object to the proposed planning application based on the reasons stated below:-

1. Massive increase in noise and air pollution due to the substantial increase in the volume of traffic in this and the surrounding areas on the already overly buisy A 653. The A653 is already running at full capacity during peak hours ,often at a standstill during these times due to a bottleneck at shawcross. How is this road going to cope with the extra traffic. If there are to be 1,354 extra dwellings and heavy vehicles entering and leaving the industrial site this road will be permanently gridlocked. Bearing in mind that the average household now usually own 2 vehicles. Also there is the additional traffic from parents dropping off and collecting children from the school from this and surrounding areas.

2. We cannot believe there is an application for more industrial units, you only have to look at the amount of industrial premises already stood empty and to let in this area. It is a known fact that businesses will take on premises while they receive the period of reduced rent and rates then move on elsewhere. After the reduction period expires we will be stuck with empty premises again. Shouldn't we be trying to fill the already empty and often rundown premises before building new premises to stand empty.

3. There are two woods with preservation orders in the proposed building area. How are these woods going to survive when the water these woods need to keep alive is diverted away from them by new drainage measures that will be required are put in place.

4. All the land in question is farmland. What happened to sustainability. These fields are currently producing crops and have been for many years. How is this country supposed to feed it's ever growing population if the government keeps robbing it of the much needed farmland. Also what happens to the wildlife around the area where do they go.?

5. Property prices in the area will plummet. No thought for the residents already living on this buisy road, squeezed in between this already horrendous main road an an unnecessary housing and industrial area, which will bring more crime and antisocial behaviour to our doorstep.

Shouldn't Kirklees be looking to utilise the brown field sites before the much needed green belt. It seems this development is the short term solution with long term implications.

Please stop this raping of our countryside,,,