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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:	

User comments

Type of comment: An objection
<p>I object to the planning application 2020/60/92331/E based on the following: The area is designated green belt land and is a haven for wildlife of all descriptions. During the lockdown and beyond the public footpaths have been used a great deal by local people for exercise, it's a beautiful walk through the woods and through the farmland.</p> <p>There are lots of brownfield sites, which I believe the government has recently had a policy change to allow house building on without having to submit planning applications. Further they could regenerated these sites to improve local areas and bring business back to where it once was. Derelict buildings can attract not only miscreants but vermin and can be health hazards.</p> <p>Round and about there are many commercial premises which are empty, would it not be more economically viable to fill these before building new ones? Are the empty units not up to code – surely a better idea would be to resolve any issues than leave them standing empty. If left empty would they attract the same issues as derelict brownfield sites. The cost of the construction of new buildings could be used to regenerate the empty units.</p> <p>Is the impending Brexit been taken into consideration, given we're already in a recession, is there a desperate need for new industrial units?</p> <p>Leeds road is extremely busy at the best of times, the bottle neck at Shawcross can cause traffic jams on evenings all the way back to the dip by the pylons, a planned entrance to the site. This will be exacerbated at rush hour times with additional car traffic, not to mention the lorries etc coming to the site. The road is often used as a cut through from the M62 to the M1 by HGVs as well as lighter vans and cars. What were the results of the study around how the additional traffic will impact the area? How many employees are anticipated, how many car parking spaces will be allotted each unit? How many cars do you imagine modern families have? All these vehicles will add extra stress to already busy roads.</p> <p>The local areas to the site are small towns with limited resources, given the influx of new residents and daily employees how will the infrastructure cope?</p> <p>The local doctors are stretched to capacity, I fear the extra burden of the new residents would cause serious issues with getting appointments and referrals in a timely fashion – I'm currently 62 weeks into a 19 week wait for an appointment to see an ENT doctor (and no I didn't make a mistake with the numbers, sense the tone). Since moving to Kirklees c 5 years ago I still haven't been able to find a dentist taking</p>

NHS patients locally, I have to use my dentist from when I lived in North Leeds, where will c.1500 houses of new residents go? How many homes are currently in Chidswell - it feels like the area will double in size.

Further, I have questions around the development itself. Specifically the employment space

There are to be 2 new entrances to the site on Leeds Road, based on the maps I've reviewed I believe one, where 4 homes will be demolished,

Is a one way system going to be employed, in one entrance and out of the other?

Will there be traffic lights at said entrances?

The highway code states you cannot reverse onto a main road. Currently we have to wait for the lights at Soothill Lane/Heybeck Lane to change so we can reverse into our drive. But where new entrances are situated I don't see that we would have time to complete the manoeuvre safely. There has already been a serious accident on Leeds road where a speeding car hit a car reversing into their driveway.

What are the specific plans for Leeds road – to leave it the current race track dual carriage way it is now or to take it back to single lane to allow the residents off road parking which is more easily accessible.

Sidebar: The speed of some drivers, I'm not sure if they think because it's a dual carriageway it's 70 MPH but some cars absolutely zoom down the road, can anything be done about this other than the occasional police speeding van?

What are the specific plans for the boundaries?

Will the development be fenced in?

There is to be a green buffer between homes and the industrial units I believe, how wide is it? How will it be landscaped - I've seen similar developments with quite a wide buffer which is securely fenced in. Currently we enjoy a lot of privacy
we'd prefer it wasn't completely lost.

Specifically what types on industry are you planning to tempt into the area?

Will there be trucks at all hours of the day and night?

How will the development be lit?

Will it be an eco development or will thousands of tons of concrete (and associated emissions) be used in the construction.

What thought has been given to the additional air pollution which will be created by the development?

I appreciate the woods will remain along with green corridors but how will the wildlife be affected by the additional traffic and their emissions?

With the nearby quarry and the current level of traffic sometimes I can feel the house shake with the weight of traffic, it will only get worse, will our homes cope? We already have triple glazing in the front of our property but it doesn't drown out the sound of the traffic. Has provision been made to create barriers between homes and the road for privacy and noise reduction?