

## 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:	

## User comments

Type of comment: An objection
<p>I strongly object to this proposal. Firstly, the additional traffic will not only add a great deal of time to the commutes of those already living locally, but will generate large amounts of pollution which have been proven to have a negative impact on health, particularly the health of children. There are already issues with traffic on the A653, which can add an extra 10 minutes of travel time to move less than a mile during rush hour towards Shaw Cross where the dual carriageway narrows to a single lane. The family homes planned for (the proposal notes lots of 3 and 3+ bedroom homes) are likely to be inhabited by families with more than one car and result in a huge number of additional drivers on the roads.</p> <p>Also, as a young family, we have strong concerns about school provision. While there is a primary school planned in for the development, there appears to have been no thought to secondary school provision, with local schools already full and many people struggling to be placed in a nearby secondary school.</p> <p>Urban sprawl between North Dewsbury and South Leeds is also an issue, with the development closing the gap between areas significantly.</p> <p>In addition to the pressing issues of traffic, pollution, local services and urban sprawl, there is the heartbreaking impact on local green space and wildlife. During the ongoing pandemic, it has become clear that this land is used by many for getting exercise and spending time in nature, to great benefit to their mental health. Personally I am a keen runner and this land is the only green space I have within running distance for exercise and I will feel the loss of this beautiful environment keenly. Between all the planned developments, there will no longer be any green space I will be able to exercise in locally without driving somewhere. Local wildlife will also be hard hit; bats, swallows, swifts, pheasants, buzzards, owls and hedgehogs, to name but a few species living in the area, will all lose their homes, not to mention the vast amount of pollinating insects that are key to food production that will be displaced by the lack of green space.</p> <p>Although I am by no means an expert in the area, I feel it's also worth mentioning that the land regularly floods and so I do wonder about the impact this would have on home owners who buy homes on these flood plains.</p>