

## 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 wish to object to this application. The scale of the proposed development will swamp the surrounding areas which are already overloaded with traffic &amp; noise. Local infrastructure will be unable to cope &amp; the inclusion of a very small token green space will in no way compensate for the loss of the current green space. This space has become even more valuable in recent months with many local people using the area for walking, which has proved invaluable. Whilst walking in this area myself there are times when it feels you are in open countryside far way from any development. There is a current campaign to get people to exercise more - the loss of this space will have a direct impact on the ability to do this. There is the issue of the effect on health care - it already takes weeks to get a doctor's appointment &amp; the addition of what will be thousands more people will leave doctors practices unable to cope.</p> <p>I am sure the developers will claim they are leaving some green space, including two woodland areas. The proposed development will be directly up to both woods &amp; will strip them of their character &amp; the loss of birds &amp; wildlife will be inevitable. As an example, buzzards are regularly seen in the area - they will have nowhere left to hunt &amp; will have to move on.</p> <p>Whilst I appreciate there is a need for housing, I feel the proposed number of houses is hugely excessive. Also, there is a proposal for business/industrial development. This is totally unnecessary - there are large numbers of brown field sites &amp; unused commercial units within a few miles &amp; is totally unnecessary.</p> <p>I also believe there may be an issue with flooding - the sites slopes down towards the beck &amp; this floods after periods of heavy rain. Roads &amp; paving causing further run off towards the beck will make things worse, perhaps not for the development itself but for others further downstream.</p> <p>The additional traffic involved will be immense. Local roads are already choked with traffic, noise &amp; pollution - many roads already have severe speed restrictions due to the current traffic. The additional vehicles will only multiply the problems.</p> <p>Finally, the scale of the development will cause the loss of the specific identity of the local communities - West Ardsley, Shaw Cross, Chidswell &amp; Gawthorpe. All the areas will merge into one if the development goes ahead.</p> <p>In summary, I consider the scale &amp; nature of the proposed development is far too large &amp; should be refused - this area has little enough countryside already &amp; it needs to be protected as much as is possible.</p>