

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 am writing to object to the above planning application and over that time have seen new housing estates built as well as an industrial park and other industrial units. One farm has been destroyed and another divided to make way for a new road infrastructure designed to meet the needs of existing traffic plus any future increase in traffic generated by the new developments That flawed design soon proved inadequate to support the traffic between, Dewsbury, Wakefield, the Motorways access at Tingley roundabout, Leeds and all points between and beyond, a failure which all residents and users of these roads have had to live with.</p> <p>The development as outlined in the current planning application will have further long term damaging impacts on the quality of the environment and lives for existing residents and for those tempted by the new houses and employment in the development</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The unavoidable increase in traffic generated by the new residents and employees working in this development will only exacerbate the problems on roads which are already under strain, especially at peak times, with queues on the A653 tailing back from the junction at Shawcross along the dual carriageway to the point of planned access roads from the estate into Leeds Rd. These will add to the congestion problems further and massively increase likelihood of road traffic accidents and those incidents caused by bad driving and short tempers.2. Chidswell Lane cannot safely cope with an increase in traffic. It is not a wide road and can have a difficult junction joining the A653, all made worse by the addition of a new access road and increase traffic3. Have you considered the effects on other road users? Will pedestrians be given opportunities to cross the road safely within reasonable walking distances? Not only on the dual carriageway, but on other stretches of the A653, E.g. after the Bennett Lane Junction up to Shawcross where the traffic again is already very heavy.4. Public Transport buses already find it difficult to maintain their timetables, due to the congested roads. If the situation is made worse, those who can, will switch from using public transport to driving their own car, preferring to sit in warm comfort in a traffic queue, rather than waiting around at bus stops for their bus to turn up. Pity those who don't have the option.5. Noise pollution will increase due to greater volume of traffic. Housing on a limited stretch of the A653 already has triple glazing installed paid for by noise insulation

grants because of the effects from previous increase in traffic under earlier road schemes .What provision has been made in this planning application for insulating houses against the noise and vibration caused by the increase in traffic, including HGV's Many of the houses have very little buffer space between the house and road. (some because of previous road widening schemes)

6. Air pollution will Increase due to emissions from greater volume of traffic, putting health of children and adults of all ages in the area at greater risk.

7. The proposed development will destroy green fields which act as a boundary between Dewsbury / Batley Leeds and Wakefield, leading to urban sprawl that will worsen the environment of the area. It will remove an amenity currently enjoyed by residents of all surrounding areas; during the pandemic these green fields are giving those with limited outside space, somewhere to exercise, observe and enjoy the countryside without having to travel a long way from their locality. Such spaces are needed for our physical and mental health and well-being.

8. Destruction of such a large swathe of countryside impacts upon habitats for many species, of birds and animals, plants and trees. There appears to be too little green natural space made available in the plan to be considered an adequate alternative wild life habitat for all species. The wildlife will disappear from the area.

9. Similarly, there is insufficient alternative space offered in the plan for longer walks away from buildings, traffic and pollution where we and our children have opportunity to enjoy the countryside at close quarters

10. Local amenities are already under strain. There are insufficient GP's to cope properly with the current population numbers. E.g. long waiting time for appointments.

11. It is nearly impossible to register as an NHS patient with a local Dentist. Prior to Covid pandemic, mobile dentists had to be introduced to treat patients unable to register on a local Dentist's NHS panel. I doubt that situation is going to improve post pandemic.

12. Local schools of all levels do not have the capacity to cater for the probable increased number of children likely to move into the area.

13. I believe there must be a moderate to high risk to the proposed development from previous coal mining activity throughout this area.

14. The proposed development is in direct contrast to the Government's own National Planning Policy Framework which supports the health, social and cultural well-being