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Application number: 2020/60/92331/E	
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:	

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Type of comment: An objection

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I strongly object to applications for the following reasons.

The overall housing numbers of 1535 and the 35 hectares of employment land will put an intolerable strain on the existing infrastructure. Though a two form entry primary school is promised it will not be built until a sufficient number of houses have been occupied to make it viable. In the meantime there will be children who need to be allocated a school and all in the locality are already full. Ultimately a two form entry primary school will lead to two forms leaving at the end of year six. The local secondary schools are full and there are no proposals to increase provision.

The A653 which links Leeds with Dewsbury is already near capacity and is likely to reach it without this development in the next ten years. The proposals in the M2D2IL consultation paper do nothing to address these problems. It tinkers with the Challenge way junction which affects only east – west traffic and does nothing for north –south traffic which is a major issue. The pinch points at Chidswell are not considered for improvement, the junctions at Dewsbury Road/Batley Road and Dewsbury Road/Rein Road, both of which are already at or near capacity are not considered for improvement. Both these junctions are likely to see increased traffic, particularly from the Heybeck Lane site. The only improvement is a bus lane at Tingley some two miles away.

The increased traffic, not only from potential residents but from the industrial aspect of the site will increase the levels of atmospheric pollution. Though claims are made that any increase will be within statutory limits any increase puts existing residents and potential new residents at risk. The young are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of particulate matter, especially pm 2.5 and smaller. Along with the atmospheric pollution comes noise pollution again claimed to be within statutory limits and again any increase will have an adverse effect on both existing and new residents as well as the wildlife in the area.

Many of the consultees have raised significant objections to these proposals many of which will be difficult to mitigate. The effect of reducing 1120+ hectares of wildlife habitat to a few green strips surrounded by buildings has been rightly criticised. The works needed to mitigate the effects of these objections may well adversely affect the viability of the whole project.

Of great significance is Kirklees council declaration of a climate emergency. It is not possible to justify building over 120+ hectares of farm land with the objective of becoming carbon neutral. The [planting of trees somewhere else in the council area will not compensate local residents for the loss of their green fields, welfare and wellbeing.

should be refused and the whole site returned to green belt to prevent urban sprawl.