

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>This application is totally out of scale with the surrounding villages so will have an enormous impact on the character of the area. The number of houses and number of industrial buildings will have a detrimental impact on the locality and have a severe impact on the natural environment. This is a rural area much loved and used by people from surrounding villages and beyond for exercise and appreciation of wildlife and destruction of the green area will have a serious effect on people's health and on nearby properties.</p> <p>It has been extremely well used during the current pandemic and I have walked on the footpaths affected most days. The wildlife in this area is extremely varied and destruction of the green area will have a severe impact on habitat and the species found in this area. They include:</p> <p>Bluebells, wild garlic, foxgloves, blackberries, elderberries and other types of berry which birds feed on.</p>

It is a delight to do a circular walk on the footpaths but in future any walk would include walking between large ugly industrial buildings and car parks, crossing numerous roads and walking through a huge housing estate. Clearly this would not be an attractive proposition so it will put pressure on the two woods causing a negative impact on the trees and bluebells. Because the site is a valley side it will have an enormous visual impact and in winter affect the light reaching the woods. The application will result in the destruction of many mature trees and hedgerows which are essential for wildlife and result in a much poorer landscape.

The traffic from this development and the nearby development of 181 houses could mean an extra 7000 to 8000 vehicles per day on already congested roads (at least two cars per house and 3,000 industrial journeys). The potential number of lorries would be massive and cause noise and road safety issues for all local residents. Hey Beck Lane already has speeding and safety issues and the motorway junctions for the M1 and M62 are already congested so to put thousands of extra vehicles through these roads is madness and will cause delays, tailbacks and pollution. Vehicles will seek rat-runs through local villages as they do now when there is a problem on the motorways, which is a regular occurrence. Most of the problems will be in Leeds and Wakefield as people access the motorway network and go shopping in Leeds and the White Rose Centre (please don't think they will go to Dewsbury and Batley - the developers in initial consultation didn't even mention Kirklees but everything was about the proximity to Leeds and the motorways).

Please Kirklees don't destroy this wonderful green area by approving this application. We don't need huge estates to be built on green fields destroying the landscape, wildlife habitat, the character of the area and peoples lives by extra traffic and pollution and their health by the huge reduction in green space.