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**To:** [DCAdmin](#)  
**Subject:** Objection to Planning Application 2020/92331 Land East of Leeds Road, Chidswell  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

We wish to strongly object to this planning application 2020/92331 on the grounds listed below:-

- This development will seriously affect the health and wellbeing of existing residents within the development site.
- Green space is essential for resident's mental health. The application suggests that it will provide green space which is a ridiculous suggestion as it actually devastates green space that already exists.
- The recent pandemic has changed the way people use outside space and we are continuously being told to exercise more as it is good for both physical and mental health. Take this green space away and we will have more health issues for the NHS to cope with as there will be a vastly reduced area available for people to exercise and de-stress.
- Road traffic will increase as a result of this development causing both air and noise pollution.
- Air pollution will inevitably increase with this development both during and after the building phase. This is detrimental to people's physical health.
- Noise pollution will inevitably increase with this development both during and after the building phase. This is detrimental to people's physical and mental wellbeing.
- The road infrastructure is currently not adequate to cope with existing traffic volumes and this development would obviously exacerbate the problem with an increase in both car and HGV volumes. This will impact people's daily lives and increase commute times leading to a worsening of the work/life balance for thousands of people.
- This area already suffers with a lack of GP and Dentistry practices where appointments are difficult to come by. With thousands more people living in the area there will be a greater strain on already restricted resources, again leading to health issues for residents both new and old.
- This development will decimate the abundance of wildlife that lives in this habitat. Take the habitat away and it is obvious that the wildlife is eradicated. This would be disastrous for the local eco-system.
- Housing is important but should be firstly targeted at brown field sites rather than green field. We understand that there is more profit in green field development rather than brown field but profit for developers should not be put before the need to preserve our environment. In the long term this is self-defeating.
- The proposed site is green field which naturally absorbs vast amounts of rainfall. It is inevitable that developing the site will lead to localised flooding in the future.

This flooding may not be within the proposed development but nevertheless would be caused by it and lead to great difficulties for residents, both in terms of finances and stress. Once the developers have gone they don't care about what is left behind for people to deal with.

- The idea of green belt is to have space in between built up areas. This development effectively joins together the areas of Gawthorpe, Shaw Cross and Chidswell to create one large built up area which is against the whole spirit of green belt. By granting this application you would be removing a green lung from the community.
- Please do not put a developer's financial gain above the health, wellbeing and wishes of the local residents. Government suggests that all developments should have local backing and this one certainly does not as can be measured by the number of neighbour representations and objections from current residents. To proceed with this development would be a matter of great shame for those Kirklees officers whose decision this is to make. Please listen to your Kirklees residents – we do not want this development – say NO!

Yours faithfully,