

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 objecting to this development for many reasons.</p> <p>Wildlife, people's mental health, local schools, local doctors, local road networks, air quality and the environment, subsidence, history, local sports facilities, other areas of Kirklees and the integrity of the area will all suffer from this development. Flooding will probably be created too.</p> <p>It seems that just because Kirkless have included this area in the local plan this unsustainable application has been rushed through with no/very little due diligence or regard to current residents.</p> <p>The shoddy wildlife assessment of the area which the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and KC Ecology have highlighted as completely inept is just the start of the unthoughtful planning application. I don't have to go through that as the wildlife trust have but the concept that the area doesn't have any is ridiculous. That area serves as a green lung with it's ancient woodlands, hedgerows and green fields, to build over such an area in one go just seems grotesque and unnecessary. It is a sanctuary not only to our declining wildlife but also for human need. Highlighted by lockdown recently with the rights of way over the fields being an escape for many people and a healer for mental issues. If this is removed it'll cause problems for the council in other departments.</p> <p>The traffic that this site will generate, when being built and when developed will cause unsustainable amounts of road traffic and carbon emissions. This is the air we breathe, you can't put a price on health. Highways England agree with this as per the consultee responses. The amount of carbon this site will create will be abhorrent and merely planting a few saplings as most of these developments do in mitigation won't even touch the sides. Kirkless Council itself declared a climate emergency in 2019 considering the environmental impact of all decisions and the tonnage of carbon this site will produce is completely against this.</p> <p>With reference to the industrial units proposed I do not think, especially amidst a pandemic and inevitably the worst recession ever, there is going to be demand for them. It would be absolutely bonkers to demolish a natural area such as this for no</p>

justifiable reason or demand. At best this development may shift some businesses from other areas of Kirkless to here but then all that means is there are empty units, neglect and more problems elsewhere needing regeneration. Sometimes you just have to take stock with what you already have.

Along with the history and wildlife which this area has developed over centuries, there will be farmers who have inhabited this land for years and years. They simply get erased from the landscape.

The coal authority has flagged up this inept planning application and sketchy assessments. Current habitants have issues already with this. This looks like a dangerous area to be digging up and an accident waiting to happen.

I see little positives of this development to anyone but the profits of the proposer. No one local anyway. It is well known that these sorts of developments bring little local jobs to the area as people are brought in from all over the country to work them.

It seems common knowledge that the doctors surgeries and schools in the area are fully subscribed. I know the application incorporates a primary school but then these kids will have to go onto a secondary school! If developed, approximately 3000 people will inhabit the area and the infrastructure just isn't there. As highlighted by Sport England in their objection the required sports facilities are already struggling in Kirklees and this just amplifies it. I feel it would be a monumental error by the council allowing this and would be detrimental even to their finances in terms of the maintenance and necessary upgrades to accommodate this many people in the area.

Please Kirkless Council the 500+ objections and damning objections from knowledgeable consultees prove this is an unsustainable development in an area which should be protected, I have faith in yourselves that the right thing will be done.