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Dear Mr Grayson,

I consider that Councillors should consider the impact of these applications together in the context of the open space value to all residents of Kirklees. I regularly walk this combined open area with its several footpaths. It provides an invaluable green lung - a feature which other Councils either seek to create or preserve. The proposals remove the open feel of the area right up to the Wakefield boundary; in effect creating a physical presence to define it.

I object to the loss of this facility land, with its benefits to both physical and mental well-being, and do consider it transgresses planning policies because it does not comply with the emboldened matters below.

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*'Planning policies should protect and **enhance public rights of way and access**..... The Proposed Development should seek to **create public open space for the benefit of local people**.*

*paragraph 109: 'The planning system should contribute to and **enhance the natural and local environment by: i) protecting and enhancing valued landscapes, geological conservation interests and soils; ii) recognising the wider benefits of ecosystem services;***

*KMC Policy PLP 31 **priority will be given to safeguarding and enhancing green infrastructure networks, green infrastructure assets and the range of functions they provide**. Development proposalsshould ensure:- i) The function and connectivity of green infrastructure networks and **assets are retained** or replaced...*

The benefits of PROWs will be destroyed by the applications and enhancing of other green space will not take place. These are serious issues for Councillors to consider. At the very least there should be created new PROWS within substantially wide buffer corridors running roughly east- west to give access to the Wakefield land.

Furthermore, I question the beneficial impact the housing provision will have for actual

Kirklees people. It is far more likely that because of the Leeds road dual carriageway , giving swift access to Leeds and the M62 /A650 that people from Leeds and Wakefield will purchase properties here.