

Address: 959 Leeds Road Dewsbury WF12 7HU

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	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	No
<p>I object to this development from the following issues: Conservation of the natural environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Permanent loss of agricultural land. I feel that the need to retain agricultural land outweighs the need for housing on greenfield areas. Within North Kirklees there is a plethora of brownfield sites that could be built on and supply housing in a price range that would suit more people seeking to step on the housing ladder. There appears to be a motivation to build higher value housing on higher value land to yield higher rates of Council Tax.- The permanent displacement of endangered Skylark & Yellow Hammer which breed on the land in large numbers. <p>I am concerned that out of date Ecological Surveys have been used and only 'updated' by one single walk-over by an Ecologist (employed by Land Owner) in October 2022 after a drought.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Biodiversity Net Gain report (based on October Ecologist walk-over) claims the development will deliver 10% more biodiversity than in its current state. A previous Biodiversity Net Gain report, based on exact same conditions, was assessed at 14% Net Loss so how do the same plans increase by 24%? The net loss in 2020 was advised independently by Yorkshire Wildlife Trust but it appears the Planning Department and Land Owner have ignored the comments made by the YWT Ecologist. <p>Kingfishers has been recorded regularly on the waterway just below the site and if waterways become polluted it will lose its feeding ground. This is not being considered in the planning process currently.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Impact on climate change – woods, fields, streams and fields contribute to climate resilience and act as a cool zone. Changes to land use affect its health and ability to fight climate change <p>Loss of local amenity with positive benefits on mental health</p>	

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- Loss of green lung that separates Leeds, Wakefield & Kirklees
- Impact on Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network / Local Wildlife sites. This is an important link in the wider habitat network.

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Damage to Ancient Woodlands: Dum & Dogloitch Woods – the surrounding buffer has been identified as too small to prevent damage to the Woodlands. Not building on woods won't stop them being destroyed. There are other impacts that will cause the death of the woods.

Impact on Highway Safety and Traffic

Noise, disturbance and odour

It concerns me that in 20 years of living on Leeds Road the levels of traffic particularly from school closing time through the rush hour traffic and gridlock has increased substantially. It is a daily occurrence that traffic approaching Shaw Cross backs towards the Babes in the Wood junction. The same goes to a lesser extent to the morning rush hour with traffic backing up in the Leeds direction from the Babes in the Wood junction.

Most of the increase has come in more recent times and is already occurring due to the developments on Owl Lane and will also worsen due to the future development developments on Owl Lane, High Street, Hanging Heaton, Grange Road, Planning application 2020/92350 Heybeck Lane and the Redrow development at Haigh Wood.

This will cause increased noise and pollution and odour due to traffic fumes, larger use of A653 by trucks accessing the industrial site