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**To:** [DCAdmin](#)  
**Subject:** Objection to OPP in relation to 2020/92350 & 2020/92331(Chidswell/Heybeck)  
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To whom it may concern,

I am emailing to lodge my objection to the proposed development of the former greenbelt at Chidswell & Heybeck by the land owner (Church Commissioners for the Church of England).

Such a development will see the irreversible loss of open countryside and agricultural land. As a consequence there will be a corresponding negative environmental, social and ecological impact on the locality and community. Furthermore the Land Owner has refused to assess the quality of the land, despite repeated requests by Natural England nor have they undertaken any ecological surveys, which would be able to assess how the development would adversely affect the local wildlife population in particular, the potential permanent loss of a number of endangered species on the site (Skylarks and Yellow Hammer) as well as certain Schedule One species (Kingfishers, Red Kite and the Barn Owl) the impact of which would be significant, not just to the local community, but to the biodiversity of the region.

With the current social and political concern about the environment, it does not seem politically appropriate to allow such a major development and land change to go ahead, particularly in a time of increasing national and local awareness and concern about climate change, loss of green space and a growing worry amongst national wildlife groups about pollution and the potential loss of native species both locally and across the UK. The Chidswell and Heybeck development if it went ahead would be contributing to this problem.

Changing this "green lung" within an area already affected by other housing and industrial development will contribute to localised climate change, pollution of waterways and the loss of an amenity that currently makes a positive and beneficial impact on the local community's (and beyond) mental health, fitness and wellbeing.

In addition to the negative impact these two developments would have on the ecological, environmental and social environs of Chidswell and Heybeck, you should also consider the fact that there are currently three other developments taking place on Leeds Road and Owl Lane. As a consequence, the infrastructure will be placed under a great and additional pressure with the increase of private use cars, public transport and heavy goods vehicles. These roads and access routes are already overburdened with local traffic as this a key access point to Leeds and beyond.

I would ask you to please carefully consider this objection, in relation to the following developments: 2020/92350 & 2020/92331, along with any others you may receive.

Yours faithfully