

## 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?	Yes
Re objection to planning applications 2020/92350 and 2020/92331	
<p>I strongly object to this planning permission being granted For reasons listed below</p> <p>There is no infrastructure to support the amount of traffic this development will generate The roads around chidswell are already blocked by the new development on owl lane and shaw cross Chidswell lane has now become virtually impassable especially at peak hours , the lane that runs past the huntsman pub is an accident waiting to happen ,now being used by all types of vehicles to cut out the queues on owl lane caused by new home development Leeds road is a nightmare already without even more traffic Speed humps / traffic calming has no impact at all on the number of speeding vehicles Huge lorries going along such a narrow road is just ridiculous Permanent loss of much needed agricultural land:- Natural England have requested site-specific surveys to assess the quality of the land but the Land Owner (Church Commissioners for Church of England) has refused to do so. The Land Owner states that the need for new housing and employment outweighs the loss of agricultural land. The Planning Department have admitted they do not know if the land is of better agricultural value than the Land Owner claims and it appears there are no plans to conduct the assessments repeatedly requested by Natural England Which is a nonsense</p> <p>Permanent displacement of endangered species:- Skylark &amp; Yellow Hammer which breed on the land in large numbers. The Ecological Impact Assessment states: "with a development site of this scale, some impacts remain significant, and are very hard to mitigate". We have witnessed ourselves pheasants , hawks, bats,partridge,yellowhammers , lewises hares, badgers, foxes all frequenting the fields outlined for development</p>	

lapwing ,hares, meadow voles , foxes all requiring the fields outlined for development where will all these species go one this vital habitat is destroyed forever

Years out-of-date Ecological Surveys which have been 'updated' by one single walk-over by an Ecologist (employed by Land Owner) in October 2022 after a drought. which is just a joke ,no noise pollution tests have been carried out to my knowledge

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.

- Unrecorded protected species have been evidenced on site by local community. These species have additional protection in the planning process but are not considered if they are not in the Ecological Surveys We have evidenced Schedule 1 species: Kingfisher, Red Kite and Barn Owl. The Land Owner has dismissed our evidence to say the species are only foraging on site and not resident.

We have witnessed ourselves living on the land ,barn owl ,bats,heron ,hawks, yellowhammers turtle doves pheasant partridge migrating geese blue jays lapwings foxes,hares hedgehogs

kingfisher 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

Bats have been reported by the Land Owner's Ecologist as having 'no significant activity on site'. We have over 9,000 verified recordings of bat calls in and around the 2 Ancient Woodlands. We regularly see bats around

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

- Loss of local amenity with positive benefits on mental health
- 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.
- 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.

This area of green space is vital for this area it provides green spaces for us all to enjoy visually and physically which has a positive impact on our health and mental well being  
Sincerely