



I am very concerned at the proposal to build substantially on this area of land which would result in a seriously negative impact on wildlife and the environment.

1. The Ecological Impact Assessment for the development states " with a development of this scale , some impacts remain significant and are difficult to mitigate ". This is very concerning. As is the statement " Regardless of what measures are put in place, some of the most sensitive species are likely to be displaced either temporarily or long term".

We know that ecological surveys completed for impact assessments can record only a small sample of what flora and fauna is found on a site.

Locals have reported Kingfisher, Skylark, Red Kite , Yellowhammer and Barn Owl. The Barn Owl is a sedentary bird so will not just have been passing through. All of these birds are of conservation concern and would most certainly be lost if this development goes ahead. We cannot afford to ignore that Britain is one of the most wildlife depleted countries on earth, it is these sort of developments that are creating this depletion.

2. Ancient woodlands are of international importance and the ones on this site will undoubtedly be negatively impacted as has been accepted by those involved.

3. The amount of infrastructure needed would be vast for a development of this kind and can in no way be sustainable . There will have been no impact assessment done on how much CO2 will be released from the soil and we know this will be substantial. Kirklees council have agreed there is a climate emergency and allowing a development of this size would completely renege on their commitment to tackling this.

Plus an estimated increase of 4,742 car journeys a day is extremely detrimental in terms of climate change and impacts on the health of local people, particularly children who could develop asthma. Again Kirklees council have a responsibility to its residents to protect their health and environment.

There is no way that current services to local residents will not be detrimentally affected e.g Schools, doctors etc.

4. Kirklees council have a responsibility to provide access to the countryside and clean air green spaces. This development will prevent this from happening as it is currently somewhere where residents are able to enjoy these things.

In summary, at this time of global climate emergency, massive loss of wildlife , crisis in mental and physical health, it would be a tragedy if this development went ahead and I believe strongly that Kirklees council have a responsibility to turn the application down.