

## 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
<p>This site is green belt and valuable agricultural land despite the owner's report completed after the drought. Therefore this one off report is not an accurate assessment of the overall value and effective use of this land which has been farmed for centuries.</p> <p>In addition, the owner's choice to ignore the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust's report as part of their planning application diminishes the importance of their findings. This land, waterways and ancient woodlands are home to a wide range of wildlife including protected species, some of which are not included in the report being used in this application. A current independent assessment should be carried out to record the biodiversity at appropriate times of year to provide an accurate report for consideration. This area is home to bats, owls, kingfishers, yellow hammer and other native/protected species not recorded in the planning application.</p> <p>The detrimental impact on the physical and mental health of residents should also be considered. This area has always been a green belt haven which provides people with walks to aid mental health. In a time of epidemic this need increased and has continued to be a much used recreational space for wellbeing and physical health through walking and being in nature. As we are now in a time of recession and the general impact of daily life the need will always be there.</p> <p>The increased traffic and loss of green belt between Kirklees, Wakefield and Leeds area will also increase air and noise pollution all of which are detrimental to the area and directly impact residents negatively. Leading to increased pressures on GPs primary care and NHS services as a whole.</p> <p>The demolition of existing housing to enable access to the site supports the fact that this green belt land is a valuable and rich commodity which has been farmed and treasured by the community for centuries and should continue to be protected for the future,</p>	