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Subject: ACTION: Objection to Planning Application - Chidswell: 2020/92331
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RE: Objection to Planning - Chidswell: 2020/92331

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a local resident, I would like to formally raise my objection to the planning application Chidswell - 2020/92331 on the following grounds:

1. **Permanent Loss of Agricultural Land.** - This development would result in the permanent loss of agricultural land. There are many other Brownfield sites around Kirklees that have remained undeveloped for several years, and I would like to know why these have not been developed in preference to improve the overall local area rather than result in the loss of agricultural land. My understanding is that Natural England have challenged the categorisation of this land, please can you explain why there are no plans to conduct the relevant assessments to confirm this ahead of any planning decision.
2. **Impact on Bats.** – I have concern that the loss of this habitat will adversely affect the populations of bats in the area. I overlook the Chidswell Farm and regularly see bats flying around catching insects at dusk, particularly during the summer months. My understanding is that the original survey appeared not to be representative suggesting no significant activity, please provide more details when and how this was completed.
3. **Damage to Ancient Woodland (Dum & Dogloitch Woods)** – I have a concern that this development will lead to watercourses becoming modified and/or contaminated resulting in the accidental damage or loss to this woodland. Please ensure this application includes relevant specific scientific provision to demonstrate how this will not occur.
4. **Unrecorded Protected Species** – The current ecological survey seems to omit a number of species that live in and around the site. I am aware for example of the presence of Kingfisher in the above mentioned woods. In addition I have also observed a Buzzard in the area and in my garden.
5. **Loss of local amenity** – Several public footpaths currently cross the area proposed by this planning application. The loss of a such an amenity and the impact that this will have on

the wellbeing and mental health of local residents should be adequately considered as part of the planning process.

Thank you in advance for considering my objections to this development