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Subject: Objection to Planning Reference Heybeck 2020/92350 & Chidswell 2020/92331
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Hi Planning Team,

I am frustrated that we as local citizens are having to object yet again to the ridiculous plans to destroy our green belt and open spaces. I find it stupid that this plan is still trying to get implemented as it is seriously flawed it should be pulled forever!

The fact that this plan is on the boundary of Wakefield Council over already congested roads and over stretched infrastructure makes me think this has not been thought through properly. - Has this been properly assessed?

If you add more homes and businesses then traffic and pollution in this area may exceed the legal required amount for peoples health and reduce peoples quality of life in the local area (we have several intersections of main roads in one area this could affect adults and children's health at local schools etc. - Has this been properly assessed?

This is a very big development it is disproportionate to the local area in which is proposed to be sited mainly on GREEN BELT!?. Under Net Zero and post Covid it is more important that our green spaces, health and wildlife are protected from large scale harmful developments such as this these two schemes DESTROY THAT!? - Has a full impact assessment been carried out on the suitability of the site on the loss of our local green areas and wildlife this area is currently a community asset providing habitat for endangered species such as Skylark and Yellow Hammer and possibly other species that may be endangered but we dont know as no full assessment has been carried out as part of this proposed scheme. It is also home to 2 ancient woods which may also be protected and unique to our landscape. I regularly use this green belt area for my local walks to help with my health like many other people it is a very important local amenity and helps me manage my anxiety and depression and maintain my health especially after the Covid Pandemic.

A better scheme would be to use Brown Field sites nearer to the centre of Dewsbury etc to regenerate the local town where it is rundown and provide affordable homes next to existing business defined zones where business premises/designated industrial zones are existing but not being used it also makes better financial sense. Since the Covid downturn there is plenty of additional access to Brown Field sites and business premises not currently in use which could be repurposed and more successful in delivering jobs, growth and homes for Kirklees local area with a lot less environmental impact.

Regarding the proposed development of the additional housing the scale of the development is too big for the current proposed site and has too large an impact on the local area. The Kirklees Local Plan should have at its core have the welfare of its citizens with plans to bring affordable homes to as many people as possible this plan does not do that.

Regenerating rundown existing Kirklees Communities and housing with existing adjacent industrial zones not only gives the opportunity of affordable housing for the many at the cheapest cost but also provides regeneration of existing communities and infrastructure at the lowest price helping to level up at pace!!

Stealing and destroying Green Belt from the local community is not appropriate for this size of development and destroys what is a local Community asset widely used by the local community for recreation and production of food along with protecting our special wildlife and nature.

The proposed sites intersect and destroy the Leeds/Wakefield/Dewsbury area Community Spaces Assets this in

itself is PLAINLY WRONG as the Leeds Country Way walks and other local walks will be destroyed by a more congested and polluted area.

The citizens of Kirklees would be better served with rejecting these developments as they fail to deliver the OUTCOMES needed whilst destroying GREEN BELT with all its impact on the local environment and denying the local people in Leeds/Wakefield/Dewsbury their Community Asset used extensively to keep people healthy both mentally and physically.

The large size of the development massively increases pollution and levels and congestion within the local area.

It fails to provide good value for money using mainly green belt land when brown field sites are all across Kirklees crying out for development for established communities to be regenerated with affordable housing and new jobs which needs to be completed at pace for leveling up communities. This can all be achieved much better and faster by using existing Brown Field sites to deliver at pace as we go into this economic downturn.

To move these two proposed developments forward will need lengthy full assesement of the impact on the existing proposed GREEN BELT Area and Local Area which will add a lot of time a cost as the current Community Amenity of local residents will be destroyed across 3 boundary areas.

Can I suggest Kirklees reassess its Local Area Plan and in particular these two developments which fail to deliver the Affordable Housing requirements and the Business Outcomes defined in the plan as the current approach not only damages the local area it fails in its objectives.

Since the original plan was put together Covid and its impact has given the opportunity for this plan to be revisited and look at delivering affordable housing, new jobs and regenerating local communit