



I would like to object to the application on the following grounds

The existing road infrastructure is not designed for this level of development. The road around the area on Dewsbury Road, the motorway and into Ossett are already at capacity. At peak times the number of vehicles is such that journey times are already increasing with increasing traffic pollution, stationary traffic and noise to the existing community. It is currently very hard to get out of the village onto Owl Lane at present, a significant increase in traffic will only compound this situation. An additional 2500+ cars plus the other developments proposed in the area means this will only get worse. This will also contribute to climate change with the loss of green space as well as the increased traffic pollution. The development along with the larger one adjacent will have a detrimental effect on the area. The size of the developments combined are significant and will affect the road infrastructure which is already exceeded at peak times. This will increase pollution have an adverse effect on health and increase the impact on the climate with increased gas emissions due to increased traffic and at peak times increased standing traffic emitting exhaust gases. This development along with the larger one will dramatically increase this volume of traffic. Also the entrance to the estate from Heybeck Lane will create issues and the road and surrounding areas already has significant traffic issues and delays especially at peak times.

The area itself is one which is currently green space with a variety of habitats for a variety of animals and plants. This includes large animals such a roe deer, foxes which live in the area. The bird life is diverse with woodpeckers, skylarks, buzzards, to name but a few. Bats are also present in the green space having watched them in and around the fields and woods for the last 15 plus years. These are supported by a diversity of smaller animals and plants which provide an amazing green space not just for the communities of Kirklees but also Leeds and Wakefield which boundaries this and the larger proposal.

The details in the application fail to take account of this diversity and the reports appear to completely fail to take account of this diversity of animals and plant life. They fail to acknowledge the present of birds such as Kingfishers and barn owls making it their home.

The vista is described as uninteresting and poor, which is far from the case. It is a lovely piece of countryside within a highly densely populated area in the middle of the West Yorkshire conurbation.

It is also important farm land and recent events have shown the need to maximise food security yet we are building over more land.

Lockdown showed the importance of such green spaces for the wellbeing of communities. The area in question has been significantly used by all communities and contributes to the mental and physical wellbeing of all.

The size of the development will also have an impact on the provision of school places in the secondary education sector. There will be significant demand in schools which are outside Kirklees and this will adversely affect these communities and their children.