

There are a number of reasons why I wholly object to this planning application and I firmly believe that if granted, this will be seen as a major injustice in the history of our area for centuries to come.

Firstly, our world is changing rapidly, we are in a climate emergency. Green spaces are disappearing at an alarming rate and I find it shocking that Kirklees Council are willfully giving up important, historic and cherished green space for housing and industrial developments. This land is a buffer for a number of villages/towns and it is the green lungs for areas with already bloated infrastructures. The Council should be looking to use this area to improve its carbon footprint and create new woodlands.

Secondly, the agricultural importance of this land should not be ignored. We are at a crucial point in our lifetime where such land should be savoured and agricultural use encouraged. The War in Ukraine shows the importance of self sufficiency as a nation.

This land when lost to such developments will never be the same. When we do desperately require green space and agricultural land, we won't be able to get it back! The impact on climate change, the loss of important agricultural land, the loss of much needed green space and the impact on protected species will be felt for lifetimes to come.

Thirdly, residents use this area for recreational use and have done so for centuries. Having such an area is important to the mental health of thousands of local residents. The detrimental impact on mental health that this development will have should not be scoffed at and taken lightly.

Kirklees Council and those elected Officials who will consider this decision, **MUST** consider these impacts and determine the future of this area for all those who live nearby now and in the future.

This is not only a decision that will impact us, this will impact on many who cannot object, those too young and those not born yet. If approved, they will look back on this period as a very dark time.