

About the application

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| 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

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| Type of comment: An objection | |
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| <p>2nd November 2022</p> <p>Please redact my name, address and contact details when, and if, the content of this email is published.</p> <p>Dear Victor</p> <p>Having read through the comments and reports on the planning site it looks as though the majority of objections I feel should be raised have already been flagged.</p> <p>From reviewing some of the reports raised in response to the comments it appears the individual items raised are being closed down, one by one, by subject matter experts. For example, a bat expert, an owl expert and a Professor on biodiversity suggesting there could be a net benefit following the completion of the development. However, if Liz Truss can get a professor of economics to underwrite and validate her fiscal plan, and we know what happened there, then it would suggest an "expert" could be engaged to detail an outcome that was required.</p> <p>What I do know is that having walked across all of the footpaths in the affected area, and beyond, over the past years I have seen wildlife listed in feedback on your web site, on several occasions, and other species also. You have to get up early to spot the</p> <p>Dee Deer in the land around Duns Wood but they are there</p> | |

Roe Deer in the land around Burn wood but they are there.

Rather than revisiting the feedback already raised I have a question (or several aspects to a question); if the planning application is approved will this be of a benefit to all stakeholders and environment, For example:

- Local residents – from the feedback lodged to date and speaking with residents I would say there is no benefit seen
- Commuters on the A653 and feeder roads – From experience I'd expect these to increase so I would say no benefit Having experienced the impact of the two new developments in Shaw Cross and Chidswell then the impact is significant during busy periods. I appreciate the main impact is the road works to build the new round a bout but would expect when this is completed the traffic flow will not return to pre-development levels
- Will there be an improvement in air quality – more cars, lorry's and construction traffic would suggest the polar opposite
- Noise pollution – again no improvement
- Journey times from Leeds to Dewsbury and return these would increase
- The environment, flora, fauna and woodlands – I appreciate you have a report saying bio-diversity can improve but I would question that report if the before and after plans are looked at, and the reduction in green spaces. Even if the woods are left untouched the environment will have changed and the fauna will be impacted Once its gone then it gone – there is no going back.
- Dewsbury town centre businesses – again, and from personal experience, I find it less problematic to visit the White Rose Centre, Leeds or Wakefield and I can't see this changing with increases in traffic through the bottle necks on the A653 The new development is more likely to be seen as a suburb and commuter area of Leeds than of Dewsbury/Kirklees.

Looking at the plans holistically there seems to be many losers and a small number of winners which, to me, suggests a negative outcome. On reflection the only stakeholders I can see that would benefit are the Westminster Government with regards their target for new home construction and the Church Commission investment strategy to fund the clergy's salaries and pensions

The request however was to raise any objections, so to be clear by concerns are:

- Loss of greenfield space
- Impact on local wildlife
- Loss of footpaths which will have a negative impact of local users of these paths
- Increase in road traffic on the A653 and the surrounding roads
- Years of disruption with construction traffic accessing the building sites
- Years of noise pollution from building works and the audible safety features (beeping) on site vehicles
- Dust impacting the areas surrounding the site (we are affected by the Lockwood field site currently)
- Increases in noise pollution for the residents on Hey Beck lane with the planned industrial units.

Best regards