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I would appreciate my objection to proposed 2020/92331 be included with others I am aware you have already received.

We all know more homes are desperately needed, albeit I'm gravely concerned with regards to the lack/inadequate/risk damage of, and to infrastructures by yet another proposed development in this area. I'm worried for both existing local residents and proposed new residents, therefore need my objection to be noted. This area has already gone through massive residential developments eg: the two new Owl Lane estates: the recent new Chidswell homes: the large new Meadowfields estate: the large Amberwood estate: Kingsway's new housing and Church Street. An area which had several collieries eg: Ossett: Gawthorpe: Shaw Cross

As a child I recall fire brigades assistance on numerous occasions to help free cows etc from the boggy/sludgy land around Leeds Road/Chidswell due to all the mining, certainly the field known to locals then as 'nanny well' now a football pitch. How safe is it to build yet more properties in this vastly mined area/land?

Local roads are already severely congested and inadequate for local traffic, plus added traffic from neighbouring areas/towns travelling up/down Owl Lane from Dewsbury, Wakefield and Leeds Roads' to the A638 for access to the M1. Shaw Cross area of Dewsbury Road is very narrow and already unsafe, these roads were never built for the current volumes of traffic, nor size of vehicles and the new drive through McD'S will add to the congestion.

Yet 1,354 more homes plus a 35-hectare industrial estate are included in this next Chidswell proposed development. What of safety concerns when the proposed influx of vast more numbers of drivers including HGV's, are so frustrated with Owl Lane, and Dewsbury bound Shaw Cross chaotic traffic etc that they divert from Leeds Road down the narrow single-track road of Chidswell Lane into Gawthorpe Village?

The narrow roads of Gawthorpe village provide access to a special needs school (children who are often taken for walks around the village) a primary school, an old persons residential home and numerous pensioners bungalows, then there's the farmlands with horses trotting up/down Gawthorpe village roads too. Followed by the risks to the residents of Swithenbank estate, the new Amberwood estate followed by the congested Dewsbury Road already supporting numerous business properties with HGV's, this would be the follow-up diversion from Gawthorpe village in order to avoid Owl Lane.

A greater concern is the capacity for the already overloaded GPs, dentists, and schools in this

area, I relocated several years ago and still unable to find a local dentist, I'm sure many, many more have the same problem.

I'm very disappointed the planning department don't appear to have considered the loss of agricultural land in times of grain import crisis with the Ukraine war, the risk to our endangered species (our hawks, bats etc) the further impact on climate changes and locals residents access to greenbelt/woodlands walks which is vital to mental health for many. I join the vast numbers in voicing my disappointment that this proposed development has even come thus far.