

About the application

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

Type of comment: An objection	
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<p>The proposed site is full of rare, endangered and protected wildlife. I regularly see Red Kites, Buzzards, sparrowhawks, tawny owls including the Schedule 1 barn owl, little owl and kestrels. The fields are full of skylarks throughout the year, shrubs, berry and nut filled hedgerows and fields are full of songthrushes, yellowhammers, grey partridge, pheasants, redwing, fieldfare, green woodpecker and warblers. The woods are full of woodland birds including woodpecker, treecreeper and nuthatch. These animals will be permanently displaced. There is nowhere for them to go and this could easily contribute towards the decline of already endangered and protected species. These species are protected by Law and Kirklees Council should protect them properly and not allow this proposal. The minute I arrive here I hear these.</p> <p>The woodlands are ancient, Local Wildlife Sites, protected by TPOs and priority habitats as are the ancient hedgerows and watercourses. They are part of the KWHN important at landscape scale. They should be valued, protected and conserved and not put under the stresses and pressures proposed.</p> <p>The pressures on the woods, hedges and streams cannot be mitigated. The ancient woodlands will die, the hedgerows damaged or removed and the streams polluted and in some places canalised. All against Kirklees policy.</p> <p>With the death of these habitats comes the death of the wildlife.</p> <p>We need habitats and wildlife to combat climate change. This is a perfect area full of natural capital to contribute to climate resilience and forms a cool zone.</p> <p>The land supports working farms. No land classification has been done and the applicant has assumed the lowest grade classification. Please make sure that due diligence is carried out. Soil is a non-renewable resource and supports agriculture, stores carbon and homes insects and fungi providing biodiversity and food for wildlife.</p> <p>Biodiversity net gain calculations are based on a flawed baseline and it is not possible</p>	

Biodiversity net gain calculations are based on a flawed baseline and it is not possible to achieve 10% net gain, in fact YWT calculated a loss of 14%.

The Environmental Surveys are out of date and a one-day walkover in October after drought is inadequate for an area of land of the size and complexity of biodiversity and does not meet required standards.

It is a highly valuable space to help with relaxation, walking in green open space, with clean air, no cars nor noise nor pollution from traffic and is excellent for restoring balance and in supporting mental health. There is nowhere like this and it is local to the Batley and Dewsbury populations where there are higher than average admissions for respiratory disease. Green open space is essential for air quality.

These ancient woodlands and habitat mosaic are rare and an unique mosaic, they are a highly prized and valued irreplaceable landscape.

Applicant's assessments show pollution to watercourses which will kill not only the Kingfisher but all the animal life that relies upon it throughout the site. The assessments show mitigation is not possible for a proposal of this scale. The ancient woodlands will die, a 20m buffer will not protect them from these pressures. The area will be decimated. Mitigation is not possible.

Houses and industrial zones can be built to create a green space on derelict and disused land.

This space is irreplaceable, it cannot be recreated.

I wholeheartedly object to these proposals.