

## 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	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	Yes
<p>I strongly oppose this planning application for the following reasons. I am extremely concerned about the loss of the green barrier that separates Leeds, Wakefield and Kirklees, and the subsequent negative impact that this will have on the climate. Due to the current climate crisis, I believe that it is even more important to conserve our green spaces for future generations and that we should instead redevelop brownfield sites. In recent months, several other green spaces in the local area have already been permanently lost to developments, making the preservation of the remaining green space in the area even more vital. Furthermore, if a development of this size was to go ahead, I would be extremely concerned about the thousands of extra cars joining the already congested roads in the local area. This would undoubtedly significantly increase air pollution levels in the area, further contributing to the climate change emergency and negatively affecting the health of the people in the local area (respiratory diseases, lung cancer and cardiovascular diseases are all known to be linked to air pollution, and long-term exposure to air pollution is known to lead to reduced life expectancy). I am also concerned about the negative impact that this development would have on the mental health of the many people who regularly spend time walking/exercising etc. in this beautiful local amenity. In addition, many endangered and unrecorded protected species living on this land would be permanently displaced from their natural habitat by this development, which I do not feel is acceptable at all. Finally, I am very concerned about the permanent loss of agricultural land, which I feel is an even more important consideration now, given the ongoing war in Ukraine and the need for our country to be more self-sufficient. Overall, whilst I understand the need for more housing, I strongly believe that we should do everything we possibly can to conserve our extremely valuable green spaces for future generations to enjoy, instead of permanently destroying them, and that we should redevelop brownfield sites instead.</p>	