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**From:** **15 Greenacres Ossett WF5 9RX:**

We would appreciate our objection to the proposed 2020/92331 be included with others we are aware you have already received.

We all know more homes are desperately needed, albeit we're gravely concerned with regards to the lack/inadequate/risk damage of, and to infrastructures by yet another proposed development in this area. We're worried for both existing local residents and proposed new residents, therefore we need our 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.

My mum recalls the fire brigade regular assistance to help free cows etc from the boggy/sludgy land around Leeds Road/Chidswell due to all the mining, she told us about the field known to locals then as 'nanny well' now a football pitch. So 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) plus 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 and the new Amberwood estate followed by the congested Dewsbury Road, which already supports numerous business properties with HGV's, as 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, we relocated several years ago and we're still unable to find a local dentist, same with my mum, and 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. We join the vast numbers in voicing our disappointment that this proposed development has even come thus far.