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To: Cllr James Homewood
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Subject: KORS Response to Planning Application 2020/92350, ie, Land south of, Heybeck Lane, Chidswell

To: Cllr James Homewood, Chair of Kirklees Strategic Planning Committee,

Dear Sir,

Concerning Planning Application 2020/92350 (2020/60/92350/E), ie, Land south of, Heybeck Lane, Chidswell, Shaw Cross, Dewsbury

KORS (Keep Our Rural Spaces) agrees with the concerns of the Chidswell Action Group, and many others, that there are various problems with this application.

Any procedure that does not bring, eg, the section 106 agreement to Councillors in the Strategic Planning Committee for consideration – leaving such only to the unscrutinised opinion of some officers – is in danger of making the Council being undemocratic, lacking in transparency, and being in disrepute: especially if further legal action is taken.

KORS believes the current biodiversity net gain (BNG) proposals to be inadequate. The proposed development could be more green (BNG onsite) with more tree-lined streets, more open spaces, etc, as modern planning concepts indicate.

The buffer zone around the existing woodlands is inadequate. Environmental consideration might suggest a minimum 200 metre buffer zone around fragile ancient woodland to avoid light and noise pollution and provide some protection from inappropriate use..

Some of the off-site BNG including within the woodland. However new works within Dum and Dogloitch ancient woodlands with their established habitats are not appropriate places to offset detriment caused by the proposed development. This is not likely to be of advantage to wildlife.

The loss of agricultural land has considerable disadvantages within the current economic needs and particularly the climate situation

thank you,