

DC Admin

From:
Sent: 08 October 2025 20:48
To: DC Admin
Subject: 2020/60/92350/E Land south of Heybeck Lane, Chidswell, Shaw Cross, Dewsbury

Objection to planning proposal 2020/6/92350/E

Since this application was first put forward, the Strategic Planning Committee has commented on the enormity of the site and the importance of getting it right and doing things properly.

I think it's safe to say that Kirklees Council has failed in that responsibility.

Responses from consultees, such as the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, have had no response. Kirklees Planning Officers could have pursued the points raised in these with the Landowner but it appears nothing has been done other than to publish on the portal.

Natural England repeatedly requested Agricultural Land surveys – the planning officers have allowed the landowner to refuse these even after SPC members raised concerns around this issue. This was in the knowledge that Kirklees Council had previously identified Best and Most Versatile agricultural land on the same site.

CPRE and the Woodland Trust objected to the applications – the Planning Officers redacted the objections to remove reference to who they were from.

Environmental and species surveys are years out of date – the Planning Officers could have insisted these were updated – instead, they spent much effort convincing the Strategic Planning Committee that it was acceptable to update these AFTER outline planning permission was granted. This was in full knowledge that robust evidence of unrecorded protected species had been submitted to West Yorkshire Ecology.

Freedom of Information requests remain unanswered with no explanation as to the reason.

Submissions of evidence of protected species on the site have not been considered or investigated.

And, of course, the High Court has quashed the outline permission on Heybeck, citing a want of transparency by Kirklees Council. I do not need to labour this point – there are many other objections stating the same.

And now, we see the new draft s.106 agreements with the plan to use the Ancient Woodlands as offsite BNG land.

And of course, the blatant attempt to bypass the Strategic Planning Committee by pushing this through as a delegated officer decision.

Many others have said it better than I can – I have read through the other detailed and technical objections.

It would make sense to draw a line under all that has gone before and now do things properly – in line with what the Strategic Planning Committee first said when presented with this application.

There is no point in saying any more. The choice is with Kirklees Council.

Yours sincerely,