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Unfortunately I am out of the UK at the moment and unable to fully study the papers relating to the recent Kirklees s106 relating to this land and had difficulties accessing the papers/ commenting online via the Kirklees website.

Nevertheless I wish to register my objection and seek the matter be placed before the Strategic Planning Committee as seemed to be the guidance in the recent Judicial Review.

The suggestion that the developers would partially offset damage by creating new habitats within the woods seems almost ludicrous. The ancient woodland is a very delicate, established ecosystem. Earlier works carried out since the development was originally proposed have not been to the benefit of the woods. This certainly requires much fuller scrutiny and discussion.

I would also seek clarification on the various contributions to be made for additional school places, traffic works and public transport. I feel they are not proportional to the extra works required and would ask when they were calculated. As an example I note £27k suggested for changes at the Leeds Road/ Rein Road junction and would consider that a very small percentage of actual cost of even basic works.

This land is part of a proposed major development on the borders of major residential areas and I feel the 3 local authorities (Kirklees, Wakefield & Leeds) have not shown any insight as to its significance in this site as a green space for all.

Changes have been made over the years in this proposal and I feel it requires full scrutiny through the Strategic Planning Committee. When it was last before the Committee there were votes against the proposal on the basis that there was insufficient information - it would seem only democratic to put the amended proposal back to them, it should be their decision as to whether the information provided is sufficient and beneficial to the area.

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