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RE Proposed Development at Chidswell

Dear Sir/ Madam,

We are writing this letter to lodge our strongest and most passionate objection to the proposed development of the Chidswell site.

We live in Ossett, approximately 2 miles from this area and we believe it will cause inevitable damage to our quality of life, effecting both our mental and physical health. It will not just affect us and our family, but it will also have an adverse impact on many people who reside in the Kirklees /Wakefield Area.

The area in question consists of farm lands, beautiful countryside and two natural woodlands.

These ancient woodlands, Dogloitch Wood and Dum Wood are of immense importance to the environment and natural wildlife, and are currently enjoyed by the community both near and far.

With the Covid – 19 pandemic effecting all of us, and in light of further lock downs in the area we need more Green Spaces not less for the benefit of our physical and mental health?

Such a vast commercial / residential development would lead to more pollution in this area.

1500 houses could possibly mean about 2000 or more cars on the road especially the

A653.

Inevitably this would lead to poorer air quality and pollution, especially as most of the trees and woodland would be destroyed, this would have a negative effect on climate change.

The area in question currently has a minus carbon emission rating, we think it would be immoral, almost criminal, to allow development that could potentially produce 120,000 tonnes of CO₂ during the construction of the site. Not to mention ongoing emissions.

If the development was allowed to go ahead and the local population undoubtedly faced more health problems such as asthma or chronic lung / heart disease, could the local Health Services cope? The 1500 new families would also need GP's, Dentists, and Hospital beds if necessary. There would also be a huge added pressure on local schools and amenities.

Finally, we would just like to say that the current stance by the Church of England seems to be in direct contradiction to what it has stated about the environment and climate change. They seem to be motivated solely by greed and the amount of money they can make without regard to the adverse effect on people's lives, the country side and its wild life.