

About the application

Application number: 2020/92350	
What is the application for?:	Outline application for residential development (Use Class C3) of up to 181 dwel
Address of the site or building:	Land south of, Heybeck Lane, Chidswell, Shaw Cross, Dewsbury
Postcode:	

User comments

Type of comment: An objection

I object to this development.

I have a thorough knowledge of the area. Traffic on the A653, Heybeck Lane and Soothill Lane has increased enormously in recent years. The A653 from Shaw Cross to the Heybeck Lane/Soothill Lane traffic lights and Tingley is a major problem, particularly peak periods with long queues of both cars and HGV's. Heybeck Lane is virtually a main road with constant traffic, commercial vehicles and heavy haulage vehicles, Crompton, Moorhead, SugaRich, and many more, using it as a shortcut route to Wakefield even though totally unsuitable. Many from Quarry Lane just 200 yards away. Putting site access on Heybeck Lane is unthinkable. The result will be a nightmare for residents. Maniac speeding drivers already a massive issue with the residents of Heybeck Lane, Soothill Lane, and A653.

The traffic system is already stretched; the addition of thousands of vehicles into the system is unthinkable. The A653 becomes a narrow single carriageway at Shaw Cross with double lights, one way system, school, and a congested single carriageway to Dewsbury. Shaw Cross already has a large industrial area in Shaw Cross Business Park. There will be a cumulative impact on Tingley roundabout, with traffic heading to the M62, Leeds, and White Rose Centre having to use this route. The Rein Road junction with the A653, (400 yards from Heybeck), is the only road to Woodkirk Academy with almost 2000 pupils many of whom walk to and from school across the A653. Accidents have happened! It is also the only direct route to Morley, the only alternative being via Tingley roundabout!!

This proposed development will devastate the area. The loss of green open spaces, wildlife, farming land which can never be replaced. The negative impact on peoples' health and daily lives is incalculable. Bearing in mind that many of the residents of Heybeck Lane and Leeds Road are elderly, probably with health problems destined to be exacerbated by this proposal, both mentally and physically! People who are retired and at home all day with no respite from noise, dirt and air pollution and already suffering from the stress of Covid19. We are not looking at a year building a few houses; you are talking about a possible 10 years or more. Selling and moving will not be easy if indeed possible.!

This green belt land has long been regarded as the "lung" of the area. It's destruction is totally unnecessary and unacceptable. The result will be an urban sprawl merging Leeds, Kirklees and Wakefield.

Kirklees covers a large area, there must be without doubt a great many other sites and Brownfield sites that would be better chosen for this development.