

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 am objecting with regards to the proposed plans to build on the green belt land located around Chidswell and the surrounding areas such as Woodkirk and East Ardsley, as part of Kirklees Council Local Plan, of which I am opposed to happening.

My concerns with this development happening are as follows:

Health: The poor air quality that will fill the area with the inevitable increase in traffic on the A653 will have an irreversible and profoundly detrimental impact on the North Kirklees resident's health. Furthermore, pollution from mechanical and engineering works will add to the negative impact of resident's health, affecting future generations health and wellbeing indefinitely. The effect on local children's health is of concern, as poor air quality has been linked to health problems such as respiratory disease, dementia, cancer and a rise in infant mortality. Living and/or working near an industrial site, also exposes people to pollution both from the dust, and the diesel-powered lorries and trucks, having a long term adverse effect on these people's health, causing heart disease. Moreover, those already suffering from lung or heart conditions may be more susceptible to the effects of the air pollution that will happen.

Wellbeing: The area is continuously utilised every day by locals to exercise as part of improving their physical and mental health – as it has been shown that exercise releases endorphins which support good mental wellbeing. It is also contrary to the Government's National Planning Policy Framework in supporting health and social and cultural wellbeing.

Loss of community: Building on the green belt will lead to communities losing their identities, as the land acts as a “green lung” for the area, separating Kirklees, Wakefield and Leeds. Each community's identity has been formed over vast amounts of time and are highly valued by residents of each area, there is a feeling of pride and respect for the areas, which would be lost should the plans take place.

Overpopulation: The schools in the area are already overpopulated, leading to strains on valuable education resources, and this development will only add to this. The impact of living in an overpopulated area on future generations and those currently living in the area, goes further than just education, it is also the impact on the ability for those in need to be able to see a doctor within a reasonable time frame. Doctors surgeries already have excessive wait times due to being overloaded with patients, this development would create even further strains. Public amenities are crucial to communities and the individuals that make up these areas, and simply could not cope with the additional amount of housing proposed. Moreover, the local hospitals, Dewsbury's, would struggle to cope with the increased pressure of having to support the residents who would live in the proposed 1500 houses being built in the area. Having had to visit Dewsbury's A&E department before, a wait time of over 4 hours is already too long for those in an incredible amount of pain, and this wait would only be longer if the houses were built.

Thank you for taking the time to read over the above.