

About the application

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

User comments

Type of comment: An objection
<p>We as Labour Councillors in neighbouring Leeds City Council wards would like to object to this planning application.</p> <p>Our reasons for objecting are briefly set out below and are restricted to the potential impact in the wards we represent, Morley South and Ardsley & Robin Hood, but the proposal may also impact on other wards in the south Leeds area including Middleton Park and Beeston and Holbeck.</p> <p>Our primary concern is the potential impact on road traffic in Morley South and Ardsley & Robin Hood, particularly on the A653 corridor but also on other routes such as the A6029 Rein Road to and from Morley and Bradford and the A650 in both directions from the Tingley roundabout. Traffic from the new Kirklees developments wanting to travel to Wakefield via Heybeck and Batley Lanes, and traffic rat-running via Heybeck Lane, Batley Lane, Haigh Moor Road and Westerton Road to avoid Tingley roundabout is also a concern.</p> <p>The size and location of the development in Chidswell, along with this for 181 houses adjacent, will create a vast increase in traffic flows and we believe that this could particularly impact on the Leeds side of the boundary as access to the major motorways (M62, M1 and A1M) through our wards will be at junction 28 of the M62 which is in Morley South ward, on the boundary of Ardsley & Robin Hood ward, and at junction 41 of the M1 with traffic down the A650 to avoid the congested Lofthouse Interchange. In addition there will be additional journeys created by extra traffic flows to local retail and commercial centres such as Morley town centre, Capitol Park, White Rose Centre, Junction 1 retail park and to the city centres of Leeds and Bradford. The impact of these extra traffic movements in Ardsley, Tingley, Morley South and other areas of South Leeds are not covered in the transport assessment.</p> <p>The additional traffic movements will create more pollution and congestion to the detriment of Leeds residents and businesses, especially on the A653 which in Morley has residential housing adjacent to the road from the Kirklees boundary to the Tingley roundabout and A650 both ways from Tingley towards Morley and Wakefield. This is in addition to pollution and congestion on the smaller roads mentioned above, namely Rein Road (which is about to be reclassified from A road to B road), Heybeck Lane, Batley Road, Haigh Moor Road and Westerton Road.</p>

There is a tentative plan for a new Mass Rapid transit park and ride facility at Tingley in our wards and also a MRT to Dewsbury, and a sustainable transport policy would look at creating measures and support from any new build area to these possible developments.

The current public transport service to the nearest town centre in Morley is restricted to an hourly bus service (route 205) which is insufficient to meet possible increased demand and cannot be classed as sustainable. There is a risk that the 117 bus service along Heybeck Lane will be viewed by many, at least in the 60/92350 development site, as the closest to get to Wakefield and Leeds but this again is an hourly service and not sustainable.

Whilst the inclusion of a new primary school in the development would be welcome there is no proposal for any additional secondary school facility. Currently many young people in the Chidswell area attend Woodkirk Academy school in Morley south which includes a sixth form facility and which has a very good reputation and a strong community identity. We believe this proposed development is not sustainable as it does not take into account the demands on the provision of secondary education in Morley and our part of Outer South Leeds.

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