

About the application

Application number: 2020/92331	
What is the application for?:	Outline planning application for demolition of existing dwellings and developmen
Address of the site or building:	Land east of, Leeds Road, Chidswell, Shaw Cross, Dewsbury
Postcode:	

User comments

Type of comment: An objection
Planning application no 2020/92350 & 2020/92331 Land south of Heybeck Lane, Chidswell, Shaw Cross, Dewsbury. I wish to make the following objections against the above planning applications which affect Heybeck Lane, Leeds Road and Chidswell. 1) The combined sites cover a huge area, the extent of which cannot be fully appreciated until you are actually standing in the fields and take in the vast expanse of what will be the proposed development. The sheer size of the development will therefore inevitably result in the loss of an invaluable rural amenity which is much used by people of all ages. The experience of the Covid Lockdown has proved there has been a clear and resounding demand from the public to have access to green spaces to walk and exercise and just "be". The area is not just appreciated by those who live in the immediate vicinity but by families who come from further afield to enjoy the peace and tranquillity of this rural area. We have seen them arrive by car, but for us, it is a place which we can enjoy without the necessity of a car journey. 2) The development will further erode the demarcation boundaries between the conurbations of Kirklees, Leeds and Wakefield areas. 3) The Leeds Country Way and many other public footpaths cross this area and although there is fleeting reference to some of these , insufficient detail is given to assure maintaining access and adequate rural ambience of all these routes. 4) Throughout Lockdown, we have witnessed the growth of crops from seedling to harvest in these fields. Such crops, with the uncertainty of a trade agreement between the UK and E.U. are now an even more valuable resource to the nation and , as such, this agricultural land should not be sacrificed for housing/commercial development. 5) The development will lead to significant detrimental impact on wildlife since the removal of hedgerows and some mature trees will result in the loss of habitats, safe havens and feeding areas for many birds and small wild animals. 6) The demolition of 5 perfectly good homes in order to gain access to the site is unacceptable and possibly avoidable. 7) The development will result in greatly increased traffic to the area which is a bottleneck at peak times now. It is already impossible to hold a conversation on Heybeck Lane and Leeds Road over the noise of the passing traffic. The increased

traffic level will also have a severe impact on the health and well-being of people inside their homes as they will never be free from the constant drone of engine noise.

8) The application outlines plans for a Primary School but no consideration has been given to the provision of a Secondary School although the other schools in the area are already over subscribed. G.P. Practices in the area are also over subscribed with waiting time for appointments before the pandemic often being as long as two weeks. No consideration has been given to this.

9) The intention to build 2½ and 3 storey properties overlooking many single storey bungalows on Heybeck Lane and Leeds Road will result in unacceptable loss of privacy and visual amenity and thus should not be allowed.

10) Representatives at the public consultation sessions implied that there would be a defined buffer zone between the existing properties and any new development to protect privacy and reduce noise levels. This does not feature on the plans and should be addressed.

This proposed developments will generally have an adverse effect on the health and well-being of the local community and I hope the Council will take my objections/observations into account when considering these applications.

Yours faithfully