

Address: 1086 Leeds Road Dewsbury WF12 7QS

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

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I have a number of objections to this development as follows:

- Loss of Agricultural Land

Following on the heels of Brexit where there was great talk of producing more of our own foods we have the war in Ukraine. The impact of grain shortages as well as the supply of gas has contributed towards our current inflation figures. This land has produced a yearly supply of wheat for many years. Going forward greater self sufficiency will provide an important buffer against these factors and possibly others to come.

It was disappointing to hear that the Church Commissioners have declined Natural England site specific surveys and that the Planning Department do not know if the land is of better agricultural quality than the Land Owner is claiming.

- Impact on Climate Change

COP 27 has just concluded in Egypt where the World is attempting to slow the path of climate change and this Summer we experienced our first 40 degree temperatures. It is a well known fact that woods, fields, streams and fields are an important tool in contributing to climate resilience. Concreting over them will do nothing to help the environment.

- Increased Traffic

One hundred and eighty one houses on the Heybeck site will bring a further 362 motor vehicles approximately into an already congested area as well as adding further pollution. Pollution from motor vehicles can be harmful to health in particular damaging the airways and lungs increasing the risk of asthma and other lung diseases.

Also residents already struggle to get a round at peak times with road traffic accidents already on the increase on Leeds Road.

- Damage to Ancient Woodlands – Dum and Dogloitch Woods

The buffer surrounding these woods has been identified as too small to prevent damage to them.

The Developer's own Impact Assessment states that increased access and use will likely lead to damage of the woodland, fly-tipping, trampling and loss of biodiversity. The Assessment states the impact would be negative, significant at District Level – and possibly irreversible.

Not building on woods won't stop them being destroyed. According to the Forestry Commission "there are other impacts that will cause the death of the woods".