

Address: 22 Smallwood Gardens Dewsbury WF12 7RX

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	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	No
The loss of good farming land is of great concern especially in light of the situation in Ukraine. Natural England have requested site-specific surveys to assess the quality of the land, but the Land Owner (Church Commissioners for Church of England) has refused to do so. Why? The Land Owner states that the need for new housing and employment outweighs the loss of agricultural land. I cannot agree with that statement at all. People are going hungry in this country and yet we are building on good farm land?! The Planning Department have admitted they do not know if the land is of better agricultural value than the Land Owner claims and it appears there are no plans to conduct the assessments repeatedly requested by Natural England. This cannot be allowed to go ahead until a proper assessment has been made! The loss of endangered species such as Skylark & Yellow Hammer which breed on the land in large numbers. The Ecological Impact Assessment states: "with a development site of this scale, some impacts remain significant, and are very hard to mitigate". Years out-of-date Ecological Surveys which have been 'updated' by one single walk-over by an Ecologist (employed by Land Owner) in October 2022 after a drought is hardly the proper way base a decision of this magnitude! Objections from CPRE & the Woodland Trust were redacted by the Planning Department, to remove details of who they were from when published on the Planning Portal. WHY?! The Yorkshire Wildlife Trust has also been ignored. Again Why?!	