Address: 52 Hey Beck Lane Dewsbury wf12 7qz

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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This comment is an objection to both plans at Heybeck Lane and the adjoining plan across Leeds Road across Chidswell.
There are several reasons for this objection these include the already hugely congested roads through the area along Leeds Road into Ossett, Batley, Morley, and Tingley. Upon inspection of the Air Quality currently they already exceed 3 WHO Levels as per addresspollution.org which states that this area is in the 85th percentile worst areas already and requires remedial action.

This plan will only add to the degradation of the air quality (especially NO2, and Particulates (PM 2.5 and PM10) and goes wholly against Kirklees Council's own Air Quality Action Plan as per the following
"Air pollution is associated with a number of adverse health impacts. It is recognised as a contributing factor in the onset of heart disease and cancer. Additionally, air pollution particularly affects the most vulnerable in society: children and older people, and those with heart and lung conditions. There is also often a strong correlation with equalities issues, because areas with poor air quality are also often the less affluent areas. 1,2 The annual health cost to society of the impacts of particulate matter alone in the UK is estimated to be roughly £16 billion3. Kirklees Council is committed to reducing the exposure of people in the Kirklees district to poor air quality in order to improve health."

There are currently large-scale plans across the district in neighbouring local councils that will only add to the huge congestion, poor air quality and poor quality of life that this plan will create including that at Soothill, Owl Lane, East Ardsley, Haigh Moor Farm in West Ardsley, Topcliffe Farm at Morley. Each of these will cause huge demand s on the current infrastructure of schools (Especially Higher Education!) dentists, doctors, fire service, police, bus and rail. Tingley Roundabout, Owl Lane and Soothill are constantly congested.
School places are minimal in high schools and having seen the recent applicant's statement at the council meeting held they are planning on waiting to build the school for an indeterminate period. How about they offer to build a high school instead as this is where the real problems will occur?

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For example, the closest secondary school, Woodkirk Academy has capacity for 1785 pupils but currently is at overcapacity at 1857.
Being a resident of Heybeck the limited green spaces we have to enjoy are drastically reducing and the Woods and public rights of way offering green space and land not only provide a cleaner air for the area but a mental well being service for those that ca access such a beautiful area. Not a concrete landscape. Heybeck Lane already has problems with drainage and the rise of the beck can already be considerable in wet weather. I can only see this being exascerbated by this planned flattening of the area. It is clear that the space left between the building works and the Ancient Woodlands is not enough and the light pollution and noise pollution and the decimation of the arable land that is full of wildlife cannot be underestimated. They will not survive the influx of people, emissions and pollution and the health of all residents will be at stake.
Destroying hedge-grows is clearly also being underestimated as they are the lifeblood of urban areas and the environment as a whole.
The use of the land is more important now than ever as this is used arable land, fortuitous in growth of the economy and the non-reliance of imported goods. It has been farmed for many years and I am sure that there are brownfield sites available within that would offer the size of the development without removing greenfield locations.
Selling the plan as an “Employment Location” is not what is required in this area – one only needs to search for commercial premises for sale or rent in the nearest 5 mile radius of this planned development to see that the market is already flooded with unwanted property and premises.
It seems unfathomable that this project should go ahead when it will bring nothing but chaos, health issues, illnesses, increased destruction of mental health, a devastating environmental impact due to traffic and pollution, unsustainable growth for the infrastructure as a whole to the entire district and surrounding neighbouring areas. This is a green lung and should be kept that way so those that live here, work here, travel through here should be able to do so without fear of their children’s health or their own being severely compromised.