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Hello colleagues.

Please could you log this representation from Kim Leadbeater MP?

No need to redact names.

Thanks,

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Dear Victor,

Re: application number 2020/60/92350/E
Land south of Heybeck Lane, Chidswell, Shaw Cross, Dewsbury

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I write to express concern at the size, impact and effect of this proposed development for 181 homes on a site within my constituency of Batley and Spen. The application forms part of a larger plan to create almost 1,600 homes over a 20-year period. The Heybeck Lane element, within Batley and Spen, is anticipated to be delivered early in the development plan.

Local residents have raised a number of concerns with me about this application, which is an allocated site within the Local Plan and forms part of the council's programme of works to deliver thousands of homes across Kirklees.

There are several aspects of the application that disturb them including:

- the scale of the development
- the effects of increased traffic, which may exacerbate congestion on local roads due to their inability to cope with extra capacity
- the risk of pollution and noise
- the loss of agricultural land and consequent environmental impact

Among the fears expressed to me were that the amount of affordable housing on the site might be reduced after approval, that house designs could alter, and that house sizes and numbers might be increased. I would be grateful for reassurance on these issues, along with confirmation that contributions towards primary and secondary schools will go ahead.

In my view, individual planning applications cannot be considered wholly in isolation when the cumulative impact on the transport infrastructure in particular can be so damaging. I would be concerned, therefore, if determination on the Heybeck Lane site were made without taking into account the larger Chidswell site with which it is linked.

As you will know, the Chidswell Action Group are particularly exercised at the loss of high-quality agricultural land and the impact on the rich and complex biodiversity of the area. I would add to that my own concerns about the impact of such large developments on the health and wellbeing of local people.

I would be grateful if you would take on board these concerns, and to address them as the application moves forward through the planning process.

Best wishes,
Kim Leadbeater MBE MP
Batley and Spen

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