

About the application

Application number: 2020/61/91488/E	
What is the application for?:	Reserved matters application pursuant to outline permission 2016/92298 outline a
Address of the site or building:	Former North Bierley Waste Water Treatment Works, Oakenshaw, BD12 7ET
Postcode:	

User comments

Type of comment: An objection

North Brierly Development Access Issues

There appear to be significant conflicts of interest between the plans of the developers of this site, as they are currently presented, and those of the local residents. Current and future generations of children attending Woodland Primary School will be particularly affected if it is approved in its present form.

The focus of this objection is on road safety; air pollution and the consequential public health impacts; highways and traffic impacts:

1. Road safety: Mill Carr Hill Road is the children's principal walking route to Woodlands Primary School. These plans present an obvious hazard to those making their way to school. Young children are vulnerable to traffic accidents with such limited provision.

2. Air pollution: This development will exacerbate local air pollution and are in conflict with the objectives of the West Yorkshire Low Emission Strategy. Children are amongst the most vulnerable to the effects of air pollution and this development will impact on the air quality of the Woodlands Primary School.

The only access to this site from the M606 will be a mini roundabout right next to a primary school. As activity on the development increases there will be a noticeable increase in vehicle movements. There will be a significant number of HGVs that will use the site. HGVs are heavy emitters of air pollution and for future decades will be diesel powered. As a result this will significantly increase the air pollution in the local area.

Vehicular activity in the area close to Woodlands School will also contribute to air pollution in the enclosed area of the underpass, which provides the only walking route to the school from Oakenshaw.

3. Traffic issues: There are inadequate plans for highways to accommodate the scale of the development. This whole site is accessed on small country roads. The entry and exit from Mill Carr Hill Road onto Bradford Road is at capacity already at the junction and without revised plans this will become a hazard.

Traffic from Bradford Road waiting to enter (or exit) Mill Carr Road will obstruct the smooth running of traffic due to insufficient width. Local bus companies using Bradford Road will be delayed by extra traffic using Chain Bar Roundabout, thus reducing journey frequencies for those using public transport.

Additional HGVs travelling along Mill Carr Hill will undermine the construction and foundations of the motorway bridge, given the extra traffic that will over time ensue. This is another issue for Highways England.