

About the application

Application number: 2021/62/91871/E	
What is the application for?:	Erection of residential development (55 dwellings) including access and associat
Address of the site or building:	Land adj, High Street and Challenge Way, Hanging Heaton, Batley
Postcode:	WF10 4UA

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	Yes

I wish to submit my objection to this development for the following reasons:

Environmental- The area where the development is planned is one of the limited areas of green space within the village of Hanging Heaton and is a barrier to the busy roads of Challenge Way and Leeds Road. Trees were planted alongside Challenge Way where the development is planned, when the road was cut through in the 1990's. These were planted to act as a barrier to the identified traffic noise which would affect the houses that back on to site. The removal of these trees will expose these properties to noise that was highlighted as an issue over 30 years ago.

The site is home to and is used by a wide range of protected wildlife including Hares, Newts, Bats, Wild Rabbits, Voles, Foxes, Kestrels, and Buzzards all of which I have seen in the area.

Traffic- This development alongside the 2 proposed developments at Shaw Cross, and Soothill Lane/Challenge Way will mean that over 600 houses will have been built in an area of less than 2 squared miles. All on land that was formally green belt. All these houses are family houses, the average family now has 2 cars, this would mean over 1200 additional cars will be added to the already congested commuter areas to Leeds, Wakefield, and Dewsbury and the areas around Shaw Cross, Hanging Heaton and Leeds Road will be subject to even higher levels of pollution than they already face.

Infrastructure: As a former Governor of Hanging Heaton School, with close links to both Bywell and Shaw Cross schools, I already know these schools are vastly over subscribed, with people in the edge of village of Hanging Heaton unable to have the first choice of their nearest school. With families being offered places, a 20 minute drive. With no planned investment into education facilities in the area, this will leave families having to travel distances to get their children to schools, adding to the pollution and congestion issues.

As an addition to this no traffic survey has taken place around this site. The survey that was carried out on Owl Lane in summer 2020 should not be allowed to be used in this case as this was carried out during lockdown when traffic was reduced by over 50%, therefore giving an unrealistic result.

I believe the areas highlighted are a valid argument for this development to be refused planning permission.