About the application

Application number: 2021/93689	
What is the application for?:	Hybrid application for full planning permission for engineering works, drainage
Address of the site or building:	Land to the south of, Ravensthorpe Road / Lees Hall Road, Dewsbury
Postcode:	HD1 2JR

User comments

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Re: Planning Application Number 2021/49/93689/E

I object to the above- mentioned planning application. My reasons are as follows:

The proposed construction access off Raventhorpe Road which will run past Ravenshall School is totally unsuitable and would result in a severe impact on highway and pedestrian safety including on the children at Ravenshall School. At the start of the school day and the end of the day there is a high volume of traffic and congestion on Ravensthorpe Road with vehicles parking on the side streets and on the junction corners. However there is a significant amount of traffic outside of these times with Ravensthorpe Road and Leeshall Road being a major route connecting the areas of Thornhill, Thornhill Lees, Saville Town. The proposal to use Ravensthorpe Road (WF12 9EE) as the temporary access for construction traffic will have significant adverse impact on the whole area including Ravensthorpe Road, Lees Hall Road which connects to it and the surrounding roads. The construction traffic will only add to the congestion that is already present meaning the local residents will have to suffer even more than they are at present. The type of vehicles entering and leaving the development via the junction with Ravensthorpe Road will by nature will be very large commercial vehicles including construction plant and there will also be thousands of tonnes of materials to be imported and exported from the proposed development through out the working day. This will have a severe impact on the users of the school including the children, parents and other local residents. The impact is not going to be short term given that the plans to develop this site are over several years.

Given the negative impacts which the proposed development will cause the local residents, the Ravenshall School and even the local businesses due to the traffic congestion, noise, dust then it is extremely premature for the Applicant to try to push ahead with the proposals for the temporary access road. It looks like the Applicant has not considered what effect the use of the existing access road and junction leading to Ravenshall school would have on the local community.

Full planning permission should not be granted to the Applicant until a more feasible and less disruptive solution is put forward and agreed I.e. as shown on Master plan ID896579 (the permanent access for the development is intended to be provided by constructing a new access from Forge Lane/Lees Hall Road roundabout, utilising the current location of the Masjid Abu Bakr and Lees Hall Playgroup (both located at 555 Lees Hall Road). Any development and construction works should be conditional upon that access being the one used as this would cause many of the issues raised in this objection to be reduced. This would provide safe means for the traffic to enter and leave the new development and would assist in slowing down the traffic which currently speed down Ravensthorpe Road and along Lees Hall Road. Improvements will also be required to the junction of Forge Lane and the B6117 Station Road as traffic currently queues up at peak times at the twin roundabouts. Construction traffic needs to use either Ravensthorpe Road or Forge Lane to enter or leave the proposed development and should be prohibited from travelling along Lees Hall Road as this route gets congested due to the narrow road and parked cars as there are no parking restrictions along Lees Hall Road and there for is not suitable for construction traffic.