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Objection to planning application 2022/91139

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I am writing to express my strong objection to this planning application relating to Land South of Oddfellows Street, Scholes, Cleckheaton, BD196NX.

1. Congestion!

The number of cars on my cul-de sac (up to four cars per household) is wholly indicative of the potential number of additional cars used in the immediate area per household. The proposed number of 80+ cars being added to the village as outlined on the objection posters circulating the area is a worrying understatement! The village layout, single point of access to the development via Oddfellows St, small terraced house approach with already double parked cars, and direct access to Scholes lane will produce an inescapable bottleneck that will severely impact the flow of traffic through the village which is already as congested as it ought to, as it is already a through-road from the chain bar roundabout. This will add time to every resident's commute, and the collective time wasted for each person in the village (precious hours spent with families or loved ones) will add up to hundreds of lost hours each week. Therefore this development will have a negative impact on the lives of residents already settled in the village.

2. Green Space

What makes a desirable West Yorkshire village a desirable West Yorkshire Village? Green space. The green space itself is already bordered by homes on three aspects providing an even spread of accessible greenspace on the doorstep of 100's of homes - this will be completely revoked. I live directly opposite the field and can confirm (and evidence if required) that the path skirting the outside is used and enjoyed thoroughly by families, dog walkers, and individuals keeping fit - from at least 6AM until midnight, each day, rain or shine, without fail. The reason this area is so popular is obvious - it's beauty, openness, and secluded location away from any busy roads. The opposite of what this hectic, careless, crammed, and claustrophobic development will bring about.

3. Personal/Financial!

I live at my house on 19 Spinners Way, I have worked extremely hard to buy my home and intend to stay there. The front of my house faces the field with the closest windowed part of my house (conservatory/extension) a mere 2m from the boundary line which would be problematic should this development go ahead! Having reviewed the plans, my house is directly 90 degrees to the proposed house number 15 meaning the far-reaching view from all aspects of the front of my house will cease to be. With the only other aspect of my home having little-to-no such views. As one can imagine this was the entire reasoning behind purchasing my home, as the apparent threat of a development was not presented to us in the searches when purchasing our home, and had only been brought to our attention by a neighbour who has been campaigning against this for years.

As others have stated in their own objections, the reasons for purchasing homes in the area

(and paying the reflective prices) was for the quietness, accessibility, and proximity to green space - all of which will be made redundant should this development go ahead. The impact of this will be further affected by the home owners on Oddfellows street as the traffic passing their houses all hours of the day as one of the 80+ cars comes and goes will be unbearable to live with.

I'd be more than happy to meet and elaborate on the matter further.

Kindest regards,