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To whom it may concern,

We strongly object to the proposed planning application 2022/91139 on points relating to:

Access routes to the proposed site are through a documented conservation area. All roads around the proposed site are relatively narrow and can handle the 'normal' current residential traffic through the day but these are busy roads with the existing residential activity (households, council services, deliveries, agricultural vehicles) together with parking of the resident's cars (generally more than one per household) and those of visitors. The surrounding roads are congested with parked cars in the evening once residents have returned home. Any additional vehicle activity would create a hazardous environment and would not be sustainable in maintaining the access and parking amenity for current residents.

Sight lines at the junctions from Industrial Street and Oddfellows Street on to Scholes Lane is very poor with vehicles parking on the pavements either side of the respective junctions. This currently poses a hazard for users of the streets with cars leaving both named streets having to pull forward into Scholes Lane to attain any view of the road before entering. Any increase in vehicle activity would only worsen the situation.

Frequently there are issues on the M62 which causes traffic to divert in and around the local routes, Scholes then becomes a thoroughfare for this traffic.

Due to the nature of the layout of the local roads it is not clear how access would be possible to this proposed site for large and multiple vehicles during any excavation and construction works.

The village has already seen three major housing developments in the last three years with a further proposal for a huge Amazon development in the village. It is considered that the proposed application would put further pressure on the village. The local schools are at full capacity with Scholes residents having to send their children to schools outside of the local area.

The site has access to two public footpaths which provides for access to the residents of Scholes to open green space. Although the footpaths would be maintained the amenity would be reduced. Our residence overlooks the field/proposed site and I see the daily use of the footpaths for the local community. People of all ages, families and groups of friends use these footpaths on a daily basis. The use increased dramatically during the COVID pandemic and this remains very high. The green open space provides many positive amenities for the residents of Scholes including freshening the air around us (we are situated adjacent to a very busy stretch of the M62), access to green open space in the place people live (there are limited similar opportunities in Scholes) where people do not have to travel to benefit from the same; accessible green spaces are beneficial and provide

significant health benefits to local communities both mental and physical in nature.

In a time where we are all aware of the impact global warming is having on our local environment, green space has positive benefits with helping to regulate extreme temperatures, freshening the air, reduces water run off/provides for natural flood risk management and improves water quality; reduces noise and enhances biodiversity. The site is home to mature protected trees, (as referenced in the KC consultation response) the site supports plant, bird and insect biodiversity and is home to foxes, deer, goldfinches and a number of butterfly species. The proposed development would destroy this well loved and much cherished natural green space which in itself is an existing semi-rural urban habitat.

We live adjacent to and overlooking the proposed site.

The new development would mean that both our front and rear gardens would be directly overlooked therefore removing any element of privacy.

The development would reduce the residential visual amenity of Scholes. Scholes is a village which currently has the character of a small semi-rural location. Continuing to remove the green spaces in and around our village takes away that precious characteristic of a village. Scholes would become a small area of urban West Yorkshire which would be a very sad outcome indeed.

We work from home, have done for a number of years and the current quiet location supports that arrangement. Working in this manner means that business calls, meetings, training sessions are delivered from the home office. There are great concerns regards the increase of noise, dust and related disturbance from any construction works together with the permanent increase in noise and activity from additional residential activity.

I trust that all the above points will be noted in objection to the application 2022/91139.

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