About the application

Application number: 2022/60/91735/W	
What is the application for?:	Outline application for erection of residential development
Address of the site or building:	Land off, Hermitage Park, Lepton, Huddersfield, HD8 0JU
Postcode:	

User comments

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

I am a householder living off Rowley, my property backs on to one of the fields off Hermitage Park in the proposed development. This development is not needed in the area and the majority of local population do not support it, although there has been very limited “consultation”, which has been pushed through in an extremely underhand way under the cover of the recent Covid epidemic - this will be the subject of further scrutiny. The ability for local people to be involved, in particular the elderly who have less access to social media/email has been very limited. I object in the strongest terms to the development on the following grounds (using your list of valid areas of concern) :

• conservation of buildings and conservation of the natural environment

The area is of great natural beauty and is adjacent to Lepton Great Wood. The area proposed is used by ramblers who enjoy the wildlife and scenery. The view from Woodsome Hall is protected and this will be directly affected by the proposed development. The area is already at risk from flooding which occurs periodically from Rowley Lane, this will be worsened by the “run off” from drives etc in the new development and is likely to cause issues near to Penistone Rd.

• effect on trees and the landscape

There are protected large trees which live in the fields which would have to be taken down for this development. These have been recently highlighted in the local media

• effect on the character of an area

Lepton currently has lovely village character and this will be completely ruined by the proposed development.

• noise, disturbance and odour

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• impact on highway safety and traffic

The large increase in traffic will cause major safety concerns on Rowley Lane which is already congested in both directions onto Penistone Road and Wakefield Road. This will have major implications for children at the school on Rowley with the increase. The road insfrastructure is simply not adequate to handle the increase in traffic, in particular from lorries/diggers etc during any construction work. This will have major implications for all who live on/near Rowley Lane

• Development Plan policies, Supplementary Planning Guidance and other planning policies

This flies in the face of previous planning guidance which has been submitted by GAIL relating to Woodsome Hall, traffic, infrastructure

• effect on living conditions

Houses on Rowley Lane, Hermitage Park will be affected from overlooking properties, noise, traffic. The local infrastructure will not cope with increase in properties : this includes schools, roads, GPs.