



As a local resident of Rowley Lane for over 30 years where I overlook Lepton Great Wood, I and my family are in total opposition to this development: the reasons align with those I have heard when discussing with other residents:

Damage to the environment and impact on the many species of plants and animals including bats, badgers, deer, fox, herons, amphibians, butterflies, insects and plants. I have personally logged well over 200 species, (using the iNaturalist website), that inhabit the local fields and perimeter of the woods and continue to see such a wide and diverse habitat that is in danger.

There are so many ugly derelict brownfield areas in Huddersfield that surely should be a priority to develop before destruction of such beautiful natural amenities.

Building and eventual destruction of green spaces will link Waterloo/Fenay Bridge/Lepton/Highburton/Kirkburton destroying the individuality and the green corridors that allow plants and animals to coexist.

Continued development and loss of natural drainage with planned housing risks flooding. Even now, manholes in Rowley Lane are blown out during storms which indicates infrastructure is already inadequate. More development and hard surfaces will exacerbate flood risks in the immediate area and downstream to Beldon Brook and Woodsome Beck.

Local school resources are already stretched at Rowley Lane School and Lepton CoE

Doctors resources are already stretched at Lepton and Kirkburton surgeries and additional housing will only add to this.

Road access via Hermitage Park would add to what is already hazardous at school drop off times - this is a blind corner where cars park to drop off children.

Vehicle access to Penistone Road and Wakefield Road from Rowley Lane is already unacceptable - more vehicles are inevitable yet no improvements are planned with this development phase.

In summary, there are so many reasons why development this must be stopped - I can honestly state 100% of local people I have spoken to are against this development - how can this progress when it is so strongly opposed?