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To: DCAdmin
Subject: 2022/62/92406/W. Objections to this development
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Dear Sir/Madam - I am writing to object to the planning application for a proposed development in Scholes (ref: 2022/62/92406/W). , I live at 10 Uppergate, Hepworth, Holmfirth, HD9 1TG.

My objections to the development are as follows:

1. The proposed site is greenbelt and if you allow development here, it sets a precedent for all greenbelt land to be open for development.

2. This development and all that will follow if you allow greenbelt development, will bring greater pressure on the local infrastructure, for example, the roads around the villages are already clogged and busy.

3. At a time when we are constantly reminded that there is a climate crisis we should be preserving not building on land that is key to the biodiversity of the local area. Chippings has re-wilded and is now full of birds, insects and plants. I understand from the ecological survey that there is 'nothing of interest' on the site but what is common now if systematically destroyed will become rare. We cannot replace this diversity, despite the plans claiming that this will be addressed through the plans for the site. I fail to see how you can replicate 20 years of wild space given much of the site will be covered in tarmac. The proposed development has been heavily 'sold' as 'eco' whilst it clearly will be built on greenbelt and on the existing habitat of local wildlife.

4. I understand that the plans may address the dangerous corner for the proposed development by improving the sightlines, however the development will inevitably lead to residents and visitors parking on the road, which will create a hazard for road users. As a resident of Hepworth, Dean Bridge Lane offers one of the few ways into and out of the village that is relatively free of parked cars. This is not the case if you leave Hepworth via Jackson Bridge for example. Clogged roads are dangerous.

5. The development does little to address the housing crisis. If the council are serious about this a first step would be to prevent second home ownership in the villages and explore the use of existing buildings that are empty (such as shops in Holmfirth). There is plenty of existing housing stock in this respect.

6. The 'eco' aspect of the development is very flimsy. The site will require car use as there

is no viable and regular bus service; cycling is very demanding given how steep the hills are. There is very little in terms of pavement for pedestrians.

In addition to sending my personal comments here I wish Kirklees Planning Dept to record my support for the detailed comments being made by Save Our Scholes Green Belt residents group.

Yours faithfully,