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Head of Planning Department  
Kirklees Council

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Re: Planning Application Number 2023/91907 - Formal Objection

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to formally object to the proposed development under Planning Application Number 2023/91907. I believe this development raises several significant concerns that must be carefully considered by Kirklees Council before any decisions are made.

**Firstly**, I would like to bring to your attention the council's own declaration of a climate emergency in 2019 with the implementation of the 2038 vision (<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/climate-emergency/index.aspx>). As a conscientious and forward-thinking council, it is essential to uphold this commitment to combat climate change and protect our valuable natural resources. However, the proposed development appears to be at odds with this policy, as it could potentially result in the loss of essential green spaces and trees, increasing the carbon footprint of the council. I urge the council to carefully assess the environmental impact of this project and ensure it aligns with your sustainability objectives. Appendix A provided in the Climate change statement is littered with grammatical and spelling errors and does not address this issue whatsoever. The climate change issue is an afterthought, with no long-term considerations.

**Secondly**, I am deeply concerned about the lack of sufficient information provided regarding wildlife and habitat protection. It is crucial that any large-scale development takes into account the impact on local ecosystems, flora, and fauna. The current report submitted with the application appears to be inadequate in addressing this critical aspect. I request that the council commission a thorough and independent environmental assessment to properly evaluate the potential consequences of the development on the local wildlife and their habitats. There is a rich wildlife in that area inhabited by Badgers, Hedgehogs and Various types of Bees.

**Lastly**, the proposed development's impact on the existing infrastructure and access routes is a matter of utmost importance. The already cramped highway due to excess parking has been causing issues such as the non-collection of bins on allotted days and times. **Additionally, the narrow entrance and bottleneck situation on Kingsley Avenue present serious concerns for the safety of residents and the efficient access of emergency services.** Intensifying the traffic flow with the proposed development will only exacerbate these problems. I strongly urge the council to conduct a comprehensive traffic impact analysis and address these concerns before approving the development. The current road safety audit does not cover access issues onto Kingsley Avenue, the majority of the focus is on yews hill road and the lighting column. No consideration has been given to access via the build process and long term challenges.

In conclusion, I implore the Kirklees Council to carefully reconsider the planning application based on the three key points outlined above. **Protecting our environment, wildlife, and ensuring the safety and well-being of our community should be the utmost priority in any development decision.** I trust that the council will uphold its commitment to sustainable development and carefully assess the implications of this project.

Thank you for considering my objections. I request to be kept informed of any updates or decisions regarding this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Concerned Resident