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To whom it may concern;

**Re: Proposed Building of Properties behind Kestrel View, Cleckheaton. Merchant fields farm.**

I am writing to express my concern relating to the proposed building of 291 properties in the Kestrel View area of Cleckheaton.

I believe the road system leading to the proposed site is currently unfit for purpose, would not be able to take the heavy transport and would be dangerous to use, both while building was taking place and after with an increase of traffic from residents moving into these properties. Air pollution would also be another issue with the increase in traffic and the fumes from heavy goods vehicles, having an adverse effect on children and local residents who are suffering from breathing related illnesses including Asthma and COPD. The roads around the Cleckheaton area are already heavy with traffic. With the potential of at least another 291 cars in the area it would cause even more problems trying to reach the desired destination.

With the introduction of 291 new families, further pressure would be put on to the current education system. I believe the current school system would struggle to accommodate the number of children, wanting places, moving into these new properties. The current schools within the Cleckheaton area are already struggling to cope with the amount of places required.

I would also like to add that the doctors in the area are already struggling with the patients they have and trying to get a doctor's appointment is very hard. The added houses with the potential of 2 or more people to one house, would put extra pressure on the already struggling surgeries.

The gardens at the back of Kestrel View often flood when there is heavy rainfall leaving the gardens unusable. Spen Beck often overflows into the fields and leaves stagnant water which takes days to drain off. I believe with the introduction of these new properties this area would be adverse to flooding and the tarmac paths/roads would only act as a transit for the water to penetrate further into Kestrel View than currently.

There is also many protected animals that live in the fields ie bats owls and kestrels which would be losing their homes.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for taking the time to consider this appeal however, if you feel you may need any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards