About the application

Application number: 2024/92235	
What is the application for?:	Reserved Matters application (including considerations of appearance, scale, lay
Address of the site or building:	Land off, Blackmoorfoot Road and Felks Street, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield, HD4 7AD
Postcode:	

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
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Scale - Whilst I support the use of brown field sights to be converted for residential use, the proposed western parcel extends onto pastureland which is ever decreasing in the Colne Valley and surrounding regions. The Western Parcel in my view is a step too far and would increase the pressure on local services and infrastructure. Crosland Hill, Cowersely and Linthwaite are all semi rural locations and residents choose to live here to be able to enjoy the close proximity of the quiet countryside. We already have almost 400 new houses erected within a mile of the proposed sight which has increased traffic pollution. The scale of this proposed development is too big for this semi rural location. A compromise would be to keep the development within the confines of the existing brown field sight.

Environment and wildlife – Loss of habitat has never been of high importance to any government or council in living memory, which is why Britain is one of the most wildlife depleted countries in the world, putting us in the bottom 10% of 240 nations and territories, with just 53% of original nature left intact. A disgraceful fact that our leaders, be they local or national should be ashamed of. Lip service is paid by saying that wildlife corridors will be incorporated into new developments but this is little compensation for the loss of vast swathes of natural habitat lost to these vast housing estates. I have read the list of wildlife in the report which accompanies the planning application and it falls woefully short. Within a half mile radius of the proposed sight the following wildlife has been seen in the past 12 months:

• Birds – Bullfinches / Buzzards / Curlews / Kestrels / Lapwings / Skylarks / Sparrowhawks / Pheasants
• Fauna – Foxes / Hedgehogs / Muntjac / Roe Deer / Rabbits / Stoats / Squirrels

Some of these identified above are on the red list of endangered species in the UK and to ignore this fact or to not make this a critical part of the overall assessment of this planning application is at best negligent and at worst criminal.
Our wildlife needs more than just narrow corridors through housing estates. The Western parcel provides a wide stretch of land suitable to accommodate many species on their travels and could even be planted with trees increasing habitat and helping to reduce flood risk.

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https://www.garden-fence-panels.co.uk/concrete-posts-bases/concrete-gravel-boards/hedgehog-friendly-concrete-base-panel-plain/?utm_source=Google%20Shopping&utm_campaign=welch&utm_medium=cpc&utm_term=117497
Hedgehogs need to travel up to 2 miles a night to find food. If any hedgehogs survive the obliteration of their habitat when the development starts, they will need to have access to gardens to help them forage and find mates.

Light pollution is also something that impacts humans and wildlife. This being a large scale development, the impact of street lighting on the local area will be considerable. I've read in one of the planning reports that additional lighting has been recommended in certain areas for security reasons. If this is the case, I suggest that street light are put on motion sensors. As well as reducing light pollution, this could also save money on electricity.

To summarize; - The scale of the proposed development is too large taking into consideration other developments already well underway in the local area.
The impact on local infrastructure will be detrimental to residents.
The effects on wildlife have been woefully under estimated and need more consideration.

I request a public meeting with the developers and council planners for the residents of Crosland Hill, Cowersley and Linthwaithe.