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Application number: 2025/91531	
What is the application for?:	Demolition of existing semi-detached houses and associated buildings, and constr
Address of the site or building:	land off, Leeds Road, Heckmondwike, WF16 9DB
Postcode:	WF4 5RA

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
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I am writing to formally object to the proposed development of 51 houses on [specific location/farm name]. While I appreciate the need for sustainable housing, this particular development raises serious concerns regarding safety, environmental impact, and the wellbeing of the local community.

1. Road Safety and Traffic Concerns

The proposed access route to the development is via an already awkward and potentially hazardous junction on the main road. Additional construction traffic and, later, increased residential traffic will significantly heighten the risk of accidents and congestion in this area. It will be difficult to assess who has the right of way between those coming out of the new road and Alma Lane. Alma Lane is already very tight to turn into when coming from the Leeds direction. This currently creates a build-up of traffic and confusion coming out of Alma Lane which can be dangerous.

2. Environmental Impact

The proposed site is home to a rich variety of wildlife, mature trees, and farm animals. Disturbing this habitat could lead to a loss of biodiversity and long-term environmental harm in the local area.

3. Public Right of Way

There is a public right of way that passes near the proposed site, providing a vital recreational space for walkers and residents with their dogs. Increased traffic and construction may spoil the quality of the walk as well as the natural beauty.

4. Noise and Pollution

Construction work will inevitably bring noise, dust, and pollution to the area, affecting nearby homes and residents. In addition, the farm fields are already used for events such as Fun Fairs, Circuses, and Pegging on Horseback, which generate significant noise (this has been complained about by residents in the past). Additional disturbance from a large housing development will further impact residents' quality of life.

5. Cumulative Impact

When considered alongside existing pressures on local infrastructure and the ongoing disruption from farm events, this development would place an unsustainable burden on our community and environment.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the planning committee to reject this proposal or seek an alternative site that does not pose such substantial risks to road safety, local wildlife, and community wellbeing.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.