About the application

Application number: 2025/93355	
What is the application for?:	Erection of 75 residential dwellings with associated landscaping, open space, hi
Address of the site or building:	Land off, Woodward Court, Mirfield, WF14 0PY
Postcode:	LS15 8ZB

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	Yes

I write in connection with the above planning application. I have examined the published plans and attended the community consultation session recently held by the applicant, Bellway Homes Limited (Yorkshire). I know the area very well and I wish to object to the development of these houses in this location for the following reasons:
a. Traffic generation - from the development and the future home owners
b. Highway safety – accessibility & location to Crossley Fields

Objection points below: -
• Access to the site is proposed via Woodward Court, at school drop off and collection times this area is heavily congested with parked cars on both sides of this road right upto the junction, already causing significant risk to pedestrians.
• If you proceed up Wellhouse Lane, again at school drop off and collections time cars park both sides of the road already making it challenging for anyone to get up and down Wellhouse Lane without the additional traffic from new dwellings.
• Traffic was stated by Bellway to head up Wellhouse Lane and out onto Dunbottle Lane via Jenny Lane. This junction already has poor visibility in both directions. Using the zebra crossing there I regularly find traffic fails to notice pedestrians and stop accordingly.
• Any cars proceed down Wellhouse Lane and entering onto Flash Lane - The lower part of Wellhouse Lane is only wide enough for 1 car at a time, this causes existing access issues up and down Wellhouse Lane from this junction.
• Flash Lane, at the junction with Wellhouse Lane supports a lot of traffic coming from Dunbottle Lane to Ravensthorpe (Opposite the Dusty Miller). At this point the road narrows and due to parked cars is generally 1-way only. Traffic already backs up at peak travel times along flash lane and into Dunbottle Lane with cars waiting to turn into Flash land from both directions. This then leads to vehicles stuck on Flash Lane unable to turn right up Dunbottle Lane.

In addition to localised traffic around the proposed development area, the 4 core roads leaving Mirfield (Sunny Bank, Stocks Bank Road, Huddersfield Road to Leeds Road and Huddersfield Road to Dewsbury) are all significantly congested at peak times with traffic already backing up significantly into Mirfield from all directions. Adding to this traffic volume poses risk to safety of pedestrians, road users, health (with many cars stood idling for long periods) and accessibility for emergency vehicles.