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

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I find it unbelievable that this application is again been considered due to a number of factors. The main concern is the safety of the public and other road users in and around the location of these plans. The roads around the location are already causing serious issues and any further road traffic could lead to people being further put in the way of harm.

At present we have a school (Wellhouse) where traffic is already causing issues at the beginning and end of the day due to double parking, including parking over residents driveways due to lack of space available. It is not unusual at these times to see traffic stuck due to the amount of traffic blocking access and the road becoming one lane, as each side has parked vehicles.

Even outside of school time, due to the lack of residents own driveway and/or garage space, cars cause huge issues being doubled parked and parked on the few pavements there are.

Further concerns on road access are around the exits from Wellhouse Lane in both directions, with the northern access to the main Greenside road suffering from resident parking issues and the south exit from Wellhouse Lane being only one lane wide and with no public pavements for a large part of this. This part of Wellhouse Lane is also an access point for those walking to Wellhouse school and parents and children are already forced to walk in the road. Any further vehicles using the area could severely impact the safety of those having to walk up the south end of Wellhouse Lane. Traffic travelling up and down this part of Wellhouse Lane often find themselves facing each other on the single lane part of the road and then struggle to manoeuvre to get past. This causes concern to those walking on this part of road too as they are already walking in the road and are in danger of getting hurt.

I see that there are plans to use Hepworth Lane as an access point to the development. This also inputs huge risks to road users as Hepworth Lane, at the exit to Shillbank Lane, is only one lane wide and again has zero public pavements. There are also some residents cars parked within this area (no access to driveways) that also

are also some residents cars parked within this area (no access to driveways) that also mean the public have to walk in the middle of the road due to lack of pavements. At the other end of Hepworth Lane it is even more dangerous for the public as this is one way, only one lane wide and again has no public footpaths to use. This lack of pavements make it really unsafe at present as there is nowhere to stand if traffic approaches whilst walking through this part of Hepworth Lane. Hepworth Lane is the walking route for those travelling from Shillbank Lane and Ravensthorpe towards Wellhiuse School and MFG school and there are already safety concerns on this route due to the lack of footpaths and space due to parked cars.

Another concern on Hepworth Lane is the exit from the one way section on to Wellhouse Lane. This access is already blind due to buildings and parked vehicles, with drivers often having to edge out because sight lines for oncoming traffic is so bad.

It also not unusual to see traffic entering Wellhouse Lane against the one way flow due to getting stuck on Wellhouse Lane due to all the parked vehicles leaving traffic facing each other with nowhere to go. This also raises serious road safety concerns.

My final point on road safety in the area is that the last few years has seen a large increase of delivery traffic throughout the area as people now are more used to ordering shopping, food, meals and packages for home delivery. This has led to even more concerns about road safety in the area as all these delivery vehicles mean even more vehicles parked in the very narrow road network around this development. This massively affects those walking in around the area due to the lack of pavements and the affect of vehicles parked on the pavements there are.

Previous planning applications for this development have identified serious concerns due to the road access (lack of) and how narrow the roads are that are available. Since those past applications we have seen even further use of vehicles in the area due to the amount of delivery vehicles that are now being used. In this time we have seen (and there are no plans to) improve access around this location, and that is because that is not possible with the lack of room around this environment.

The above evidence contains enough road safety concerns to lead to this application being rejected again as nothing has changed since previous applications and those have already found really serious safety issues that are still not being addressed.