

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

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Like the previous Bellway planning applications, the current proposal raises serious concerns regarding its impact on highway safety and traffic. The situation is already problematic on the following roads.

Wellhouse Lane is a relatively narrow road where residents often have to park on the footpath to allow enough space for vehicles to pass in both directions. The road becomes even narrower towards the bottom end, where it meets Grove Street and then connects to Flash Lane. During school pick up times, traffic coming from Flash Lane is unable to enter Wellhouse Lane due to the continuous stream of cars arriving from Crossley School. This results in queues forming on Flash Lane, with some drivers attempting to overtake just at the point where the road is at its narrowest.

The volume of cars on the rest of Wellhouse Lane during school runs is already extremely high, with people parking wherever they can to be as close to the school as possible. This makes the road very difficult to navigate. Adding further vehicles from residents of Balderstone Fields would only worsen the situation and increase safety risks.

For those living on Grove Street, it is already very difficult to enter Wellhouse Lane in either direction during school runs.

The proposed new entrance to Balderstone Fields at Hepworth Lane will also increase traffic on an already narrow road, creating additional problems. The original access route through Woodward Court is entirely unsuitable for the level of traffic expected, particularly during school runs when parents park as close to the school as possible.

One possible solution could be to acquire the existing football field on Wellhouse Lane and convert it into a dedicated drop off area for the school with access from Greenside Road. School related traffic should no longer be permitted on Wellhouse Lane in either direction. This could be achieved by making Wellhouse Lane one way in both directions from Woodward Court during school run hours.

If this can't be achieved, I strongly suggest that the planning application will be denied.