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	
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I strongly object to this application for various reasons:
Firstly in the highways report submitted it states that traffic in the evening peak is lower than during the previous application, this is lost lkely due to the fact that in this application the traffic count doesn't include the traffic that is going up and down Wellhouse Lane when Crossley fields school pick up occurs so doesn't cover all the traffic between 230pm and 4pm.

A further report states that the 202 bus run half hourly Monday to Saturday, again this in incorrect as early mornings the buses are hourly and in early evenings the buses are hourly and also at one stage every 2 hours so yet another error by Bellway consultants

The ecological and environment report does a good job at trying to indicate there is little wildlife around the site. I can confirm that as a resident slightly south east of the proposed site that nightly I feed and have foxes every night on ,y front and back lawn. I can further confirm that there is a healthy hedgehog population in this area as I have hedgehogs visit every night in spring summer and Autumn. I can further confirm that are aware of in this area as when I first contacted them on first seeing a many years ago they indicated that there active around the proposed sight.

I'm very concerned by the fact in one report Bellway state that there is no evidence of flooding of the site but see the need to install basically a pond towards the south east of the site. I'm very worried by the fact that this could cause unpleasant smells in warmer weather, could attract mosquitos and flies and could also attract litter from anti social behaviour and I'm furthermore concerned that the proposed watercourse runoff (basically pond) could lead to possibly flooding of areas especially Hepworth Drive and even down the PROW towards Grove Street and Flash Lane.

Nothing has changed since the previous applications in terms of sightlines in and out off Woodward Court, the junction visibility hasn't been improved and with excessive parking at school times the situation would only become worse.

The proposed egress exit onto Hepworth Lane is ludicrous as the exit would be at one of the narrowest parts of Hepworth Lane and again sightlines would be poor. There would be little if no policing from the actual police or Kirklees to stop anyone doing an illegal right turn from the site or for anyone to enter the proposed site on an edit only road.

The two and a half storey proposed houses on the west of the site would be out keeping and would overlook and cause a loss of privacy for residents on Hepworth Close.

The proposal would remove a natural buffer between Hepworth and the Grade Listed Balderstone Hall. The proposal would obviously have an impact on the local road network and some tight and narrow junctions especially Woodward Court, Wellhouse Lane and Hepworth Lane.

A further report states that traffic down Wellhouse Lane would reduce with people opting to use Woodward Court, the potential new development site and exit left onto Hepworth Lane and even gives an estimate as to how many people would do this. One could ask how has the developer come to this figure with the development not in place and without any public consultation regarding this. I'm sure potential buyers on the proposed development would be delighted to know that Bellway is proposing this and recommending the potential new estate becomes a rat run!!

This proposal would also obviously have an impact on the neighbourhood and town as a whole with additional school places needed, dentists, GP services and so forth.

In conclusion I'm against this proposal. Loss of visual amenity, loss of green space, loss of a greenfield, impact on highways, highway safety, incorrect or at least greatly exaggerated views in paperwork on the bus network and frequency, wildlife statistics, loss of wildlife habitats and finally this development isn't suitable for the site for all of the above reasons.

Thank you for allowing me to put across my viewpoints.

Kind regards