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 am writing to formally object to the proposed development of new housing near Crossley Lane, Mirfield. While I recognise the need for new homes, this particular location is wholly unsuitable for further development due to its severe infrastructure limitations, traffic safety risks, and the lasting harm it would cause to the character and liveability of the area.

Crossley Lane and the surrounding roads are already extremely narrow, winding and poorly suited to modern traffic levels. Much of the lane was designed for light rural use, not for the volume of cars, delivery vans, bin lorries and construction vehicles that a new housing development would inevitably bring. In several sections, vehicles already struggle to pass each other safely, and there are few safe places for drivers to pull over. Introducing even a modest number of additional homes would result in a significant and permanent increase in daily vehicle movements, worsening congestion and increasing the likelihood of accidents.

At peak times, particularly during the school run and commuter hours, traffic already backs up along Crossley Lane and onto connecting roads. Residents frequently experience delays, noise and disruption as cars attempt to navigate the tight spaces. A new development would add dozens, potentially hundreds, of additional vehicle journeys every day, turning what is already a strained road network into a chronic bottleneck. Emergency vehicles, refuse collection lorries and delivery vans would face even greater difficulty accessing the area, putting both residents and public services at risk.

Pedestrian safety is another serious concern. The lane has limited pavements and in some areas none at all, meaning people are forced to walk on the road. Families, dog walkers and children regularly use these routes, and the increase in traffic would make the area far more dangerous for them. The idea that more homes could be added without proper pedestrian and cycle infrastructure is not only unrealistic but irresponsible.

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There is also the impact on the character and environment of the area. Crossley Lane sits within a semi-rural part of Mirfield that provides an important green buffer and sense of openness for nearby residents. Large-scale housing would erode this character, replacing it with overdevelopment and urban sprawl. Once this land is built on, it is lost forever, along with the wildlife habitats and natural drainage that help protect the area from flooding.

Furthermore, the existing local infrastructure is already stretched. Schools, GP surgeries, drainage systems and utilities are not designed to support a sudden increase in population in this specific location. Without significant investment, which is not guaranteed, residents will see a decline in the quality and reliability of essential services.

Development should be directed to areas with appropriate road access, public transport links and existing infrastructure that can cope with growth. Crossley Lane simply does not meet these criteria. Approving housing here would create long-term problems that far outweigh any short-term benefits.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the planning authority to refuse this application and protect the safety, character and quality of life of residents in and around Crossley Lane.