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Objection to Proposed Housing at Balderstone Fields, Mirfield (2025/93355)

My name is and I live at 335 Crossley Lane (WF14 0NR). I am writing to object to the proposed housing development at Balderstone Fields in Mirfield (application 2025/93355) for three main reasons.

My first concern is traffic and road safety. The roads around the site are already busy and in places are narrow and difficult to use safely. Previous plans for building on this land have been turned down because the access was not safe. I do not believe this problem has been properly solved. Adding a large number of new homes will mean more cars using the roads, which will increase congestion and make the area less safe for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers.

Second, the development would put too much pressure on local services and infrastructure. Schools, doctors' surgeries, public transport, and drainage systems in Mirfield are already stretched. There is no clear evidence that these services can cope with a significant increase in population without major improvements being put in place first. Building homes without making sure the necessary infrastructure is available is not sustainable and will affect quality of life for existing residents.

Third, the proposal would result in the loss of an important open green space that is valued by the local community. Access to nature and green spaces is increasingly recognised as essential for physical and mental health. Government planning policy, including the National Planning Policy Framework, encourages the protection of open land and promotes equitable access to natural environments, particularly in towns such as Mirfield where such spaces are limited. Balderstone Fields provide a rare area of openness that can be enjoyed by all residents, not just those who can afford private gardens or travel elsewhere. Building on this land would permanently remove that shared benefit and reduce access to nature for current and future residents.

For these reasons, I believe this application should be refused. <This message was edited>

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