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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to formally object to planning application 2025/93355, relating to the proposed residential development on land off Woodward Court / Hepworth Lane.

My objection relates primarily to highway safety, access constraints, and the unsuitability of Hepworth Lane to accommodate any increase in traffic arising from this development.

Hepworth Lane is a narrow, rural lane that is wholly inappropriate to function as a traffic route for a development of this scale. It has no pavements on either side for pedestrians, meaning that residents, including children and vulnerable road users, are forced to share the carriageway with vehicles. In several sections of the lane, it is physically impossible for two cars to pass at the same time, requiring one vehicle to stop and wait or reverse, often over a considerable distance. This is already problematic under existing traffic conditions and would be significantly exacerbated by additional development traffic.

The junction at the end of Hepworth Lane, where it meets the B road, presents further serious safety concerns. There is insufficient space at this junction for a vehicle turning into Hepworth Lane and a vehicle attempting to exit it at the same time. In practice, one driver must wait on the B road or reverse back into the lane, creating congestion and a clear risk of collisions. Any increase in traffic volume would intensify these risks and is, in my view, unacceptable.

The proposal appears to assume that Hepworth Lane can safely absorb additional vehicular movements without substantive alteration to its layout or capacity. This assumption is not credible. The physical constraints of the lane are fixed and cannot be resolved without extensive and intrusive highway works, which are neither proposed nor, realistically, achievable.

Taken together, the lack of pavements, insufficient road width, and unsafe junction geometry demonstrate that Hepworth Lane is fundamentally unsuitable as an access route for traffic associated with a development of this size. The proposal therefore fails to ensure safe and suitable access, contrary to core highway safety principles.
For these reasons, I strongly object to this application and urge the Council to refuse it.

Yours faithfully,

17 Hepworth Lane, Mirfield