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

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I object to this application on the grounds that Mirfield is already experiencing unsustainable levels of development, with local infrastructure and services unable to accommodate further growth.

Mirfield has seen significant housing development in recent years, and the cumulative impact of this growth has placed considerable strain on essential infrastructure. Further development without corresponding improvements is inappropriate and contrary to sustainable development principles.

Local primary and secondary schools are already at or close to capacity, and parents are increasingly concerned about the availability of school places. Additional housing will worsen this situation and may require children to travel outside the area, which is neither sustainable nor in the best interests of families.

GP surgeries and healthcare services serving Mirfield are under severe pressure. Residents already experience long waiting times for appointments and difficulty registering with practices. This proposal would increase demand on services that are already overstretched, with no clear or guaranteed provision for additional healthcare capacity.

The local highway network is heavily congested, particularly during peak commuting hours. Roads in and around Mirfield are not designed to accommodate significant increases in traffic, and this development would inevitably worsen congestion. There are serious highway and road safety concerns, particularly for pedestrians and cyclists.

Of particular concern is the junction of Flash Lane and Dunbottle Lane, where there has already been an increase in car accidents and near misses. Additional traffic generated by this development would further increase vehicle movements through this junction, significantly raising the risk of accidents and endangering road users.

Taken together, these issues demonstrate that the proposal would have a harmful impact on local infrastructure, highway safety, and the quality of life of existing residents. In the absence of firm, funded, and deliverable improvements to schools, healthcare provision, transport infrastructure, and road safety, this development cannot be considered sustainable.

For these reasons, the proposal conflicts with the objectives of the National Planning Policy Framework and the Kirklees Local Plan, particularly in relation to infrastructure capacity, highway safety, and sustainable growth, and should therefore be refused.