379 Crossley Lane

Mirfield

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Ref: Application 2025/93355 Balderstone Fields, Mirfield.

I am writing to object to the proposed planning application for the development of 75 properties on Balderstone Fields. My reasons are listed below:

1.Traffic congestion in the surrounding area:

Wellhouse Lane, Woodward Court and Hepworth Lane are all very narrow roads in a very built up area. Parts of these roads are reduced to single file traffic. In addition there is significant on street parking due to the design of existing properties. This area already struggles with the amount of traffic and access to surrounding roads is already significantly impacted. If an additional 75 houses were built, all requiring access with an additional 150 cars, this would cause chaos and significantly increase the risk of road traffic accidents.

2.School:

At School times, Wellhouse Lane, Woodward Court, Crossley Lane and Hepworth Lane are gridlocked. There is already significant parking (often double parking) on all of these roads by parents dropping children at school. In addition there are children walking to school. This is already a high risk accident area and the area is struggling to cope with the amount of traffic. If the development goes ahead on Balderstone Fields, the increased number of cars pulling in and out of Woodward court would in my opinion become dangerous for children and young pedestrians.

3.Access via Hepworth Lane:

Bellway have proposed a second access point on Hepworth Lane. This Lane is very narrow and parts of it are so narrow that it cannot afford a pavement. Additional traffic coming from Balderstone Fields will have a very tight turning area and this will cause major safety issues for pedestrians (including school children) who are forced to walk on the road where there are no pavements. Again this would significantly increase the risk of accidents. Recent changes to the highway code state that pedestrians should be given priority over other road users, but allowing this access would contravene this.

4. Effects on quality of life:

We have many dog walkers and horse riders that frequently use Crossley Lane and the surrounding fields and roads. This quality of life and escapism will be drastically affected with the addition of 150 cars and a busy housing estate.

5.Strain on infrastructure

Mirfield schools and GP services are already functioning to full capacity and struggling to cope with all the additional residents coming into the area as a result of recently completed and ongoing housing developments. I already struggle to obtain an appointment at the GP surgery for myself and my family. This will become impossible with even more new residents.

Yours Faithfully