Address: 55b Towngate Mirfield

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 wish to formally object to the proposed development of 75 residential properties. While I recognise the wider need for housing, I believe this particular proposal raises serious concerns regarding highway safety, healthcare capacity, and the overall impact on existing residents. These issues have not been adequately addressed and warrant careful reconsideration.

Traffic Impact and Safety Concerns:
The proposed development will inevitably lead to a significant increase in vehicle movements, particularly during peak morning and evening hours. The surrounding road network is already heavily used and experiences congestion at school drop-off and pick-up times. An additional 75 households will substantially worsen traffic flow, increasing the risk of accidents and reducing road safety for all users.
Of particular concern is the safety of school children who regularly walk, cycle, or cross nearby roads to access local schools. Increased traffic volumes, combined with existing congestion, will heighten the risk to young pedestrians and cyclists. This development poses an unacceptable safety risk to the local community.

Pressure on GP Services:
Local GP services are already under considerable strain. Residents frequently experience long delays when attempting to secure appointments, often waiting several days or longer for routine consultations. This situation is a source of ongoing frustration and anxiety for many, particularly for elderly residents, families with young children, and those with long-term health conditions.

The addition of 75 new households will inevitably increase demand for GP services, further stretching an already limited capacity. No clear evidence has been provided to demonstrate how local healthcare infrastructure will be expanded or supported to meet this increased demand. Without guaranteed investment in GP provision, this development risks significantly reducing access to primary healthcare for existing residents.

Dentist Availability and Long-Term Access Issues:
Access to NHS dental services in the area is already extremely limited. I have personally been on a dentist waiting list for over three years, which reflects a wider and well-documented shortage of NHS dental provision locally. Many residents are unable to register with a dentist at all, forcing them to travel significant distances or forgo essential dental care.

This development will further increase demand for an already overstretched service, making it even more difficult for current residents to access basic dental care. The lack of any concrete plan to address dental capacity is deeply concerning and undermines the sustainability of the proposal.

In summary, the proposed development fails to adequately address the cumulative impact on traffic safety, GP availability, and dental services. These are critical elements of community wellbeing and should be fully resolved before any planning approval is considered. I respectfully urge the planning authority to give serious weight to these concerns and to reconsider this application.