Address: 10, WOODWARD COURT, MIRFIELD, WF14 0PY

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

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I am writing to formally object to planning application 2025/93355, concerning the proposed residential development on land off Woodward Court and Hepworth Lane. My objection focuses on significant concerns regarding highway safety, access limitations, and the overall unsuitability of the existing road network to support any increase in traffic arising from the development.

1. Previous Planning Refusal and Unchanged Highway Network

The previous planning application (2017) for this site was refused based on the harmful traffic impact to an already constrained local highway network. There have been no improvements or changes to the surrounding road infrastructure since that time. The issues previously identified therefore remains unresolved and, in daily conditions indicate increasing strain on the area.

2. Unsafe Proposed Exit onto Hepworth Lane

The proposed new exit onto Hepworth Lane presents a substantial safety risk. I regularly walk the one-way section of this lane, where:

· There are no footways for pedestrians.

· Parents and carers walk with young children and prams in the carriageway.

· The lane is not wide enough for a vehicle and a pedestrian to pass each other safely.

Any increase in traffic turning left out of the new development onto Hepworth Lane, to exit onto Flash Lane (B road), will heighten the danger for vulnerable road users.

3. Insufficient Road Capacity and Reversing Vehicles

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Hepworth Lane has no physical capacity for carriageway widening or safety improvements. Vehicles exiting the proposed development will meet oncoming cars travelling up Hepworth Lane, leading to regular reversing manoeuvres on a narrow, constrained road. This significantly increases the danger to:

· Young people walking to and from Mirfield Free Grammar, and

· Parents/carers with children attending Crossley Field J&I School.

4. Severe Congestion on Woodward Court

Woodward Court already experiences daily gridlock, particularly in the afternoons. This is caused by parents parking on pavements and in all available spaces during school pick-up times. Conditions regularly prevent:

· Children from walking safely on the pavements

· Residents from safely entering or leaving driveways

And there are concerns that

· Emergency vehicles would not be able to access properties

I have personally witnessed vehicles reversing out of Woodward Court onto Wellhouse Lane while young people are crossing the junction—an extremely unsafe situation. Any development that increases parking pressure will exacerbate these hazards.

5. Inaccurate Representation of Traffic Impact

The Transport Assessment suggests the area can accommodate additional traffic, but this does not reflect the lived reality for local residents. The existing infrastructure already struggles with current volumes, and the prospect of an additional 150 vehicles will put further strain on an already failing network and jeopardise the safety of children and pedestrians.

Conclusion

For the reasons outlined I strongly object to planning application 2025/93355.

I urge the planning authority to consider the daily experiences of those who live and travel through this area and to refuse the application in the interests of public safety.