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Dear Sir or Madam,

Balderstone Hall Fields: Planning Application No. 2025/93355

My family and I lived at 26 Wellhouse Lane, Mirfield, West Yorkshire WF14 0PN for eighteen years before moving to our present address and our children attended the Wellhouse/Crossley Fields Schools. I was a governor of the schools. Therefore I know the area well.

I believe the Bellway Planning Application should be refused for the following reasons. Wellhouse Lane is unsuitable for the number of vehicles that the site would generate. It is particularly unsuitable at its southern end near its junction with Flash Lane. This section is narrow and there are frequent manoeuvres by residents' vehicles, including reversing. Car parking connected with Mirfield Parish Cricket Club, whose ground is accessed from this section of Wellhouse Lane, narrows the carriageway further so that vehicles frequently drive on the narrow single pavement.

Sight lines have been improved making the bend near the junction with Woodward Court and Wellhouse less acute than formerly but I believe traffic speeds have increased as a result. This is near Crossley Fields J. I. N. School. There is a huge number of cars parked here at the end of the school day, both near here and at the northerly end of Wellhouse Lane, by parents and others collecting children at the end of the school day but planning application 2025/93355 takes no acceptable account of this and its supporting traffic survey takes no account of it at all. Any traffic generated by the site would only increase road safety hazards.

I believe Woodward Court, the proposed site access, is unable to safely accommodate extra traffic using the site. The number of dwellings proposed is increased from 61 to 75. As the previous planning application, which was refused, had fewer dwellings it is difficult to see how the larger number now proposed can be acceptable. The developer proposes relieving this by making an exit with a left turn on to Hepworth Lane. The section of Hepworth Lane intended to carry this extra traffic is unsuitable because it is narrow, it bends and it has no pavement. It is difficult to see how these defects might be remedied. Any vehicles using this exit would have to return to the site by using Wellhouse Lane and Woodward Court thereby adding to the problems on those streets.

Yours faithfully,