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

Type of comment: An objection	
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I am writing to formally object to Planning Application Ref: 2025/62/93355/E, which relates to the proposed development of 75 new houses.

The significant increase in traffic this development would create will only add to the number of cars on roads in the area that are already heavily congested. The surrounding roads, Wellhouse Lane, Hepworth Lane, already experience regular traffic congestion, and the existing infrastructure cannot cope with the additional traffic this development will create. Exiting Woodward Court is already difficult, with limited sight lines especially when turning right. Increasing the traffic at this junction increases the inevitably of an RTC. With a junior school in the area, it will only be a matter of time before a young child is injured. Woodward Court is already seriously congested and blocked with parked vehicles during School drop off and pick up times.
In addition to the School, there is also a nearby cricket club, football field, and church, all of which cause significant issue with access for residents and visitors at peak usage times. The proposed development will only make the currently poor situation significantly worse. A previous application for 61 dwellings was refused on issues relating to Highways. How does increasing the number of dwellings on the application address this issue?

Any significant housing development in this area, such as this, can only have a significant negative impact on the surrounding roads infrastructure. Getting out of Mirfield at peak times, and increasingly off peak times, is a long and frustrating journey. Shillbank Lane, Church Lane, and Sunnybank Road already have long queues and could not cope with the additional vehicles that this proposal will create.

The infrastructure needed to support the residents of 75 new houses is not in place – and probably never will be! It is already very difficult to get a GP or dental appointment in the immediate area, and the Schools are full to maximum capacity. What additional facilities will be provided to cope with this increase in population? And when?

Finally, I wish to object on environmental grounds. The site provides habitat for wildlife, including bats and owls, and I am concerned that the development would negatively affect local biodiversity.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the Planning Authority to refuse this application