Address: 1, 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

User comments

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My Objection for application 2025/62/93355/E , I live on Woodward Court and want to explain why this development would make an already difficult and unsafe situation even worse. The roads around here simply can't cope with more traffic, and the idea of construction vehicles using them is completely unrealistic. These aren't theoretical concerns — they're things we deal with every single day. The Coal Authority has already raised objections, and from a local resident's point of view, the problems are even more obvious.

What It's Like Living Here Day to Day
The roads around Woodward Court, Wellhouse Lane, Flash Lane and the surrounding area are narrow, awkward and heavily parked on. Visibility is poor, pavements are inconsistent, and the layout was never designed for the amount of traffic it already gets.
One of the biggest daily problems is double parking on Woodward Court and Wellhouse Lane. It regularly reduces the road to a single lane, and gridlock happens several times a day. When cars meet head on, the only way out is for someone to mount the pavement — and this happens even when schoolchildren are walking along those pavements. It's not rare or occasional. It's every day.
We also regularly struggle to get out of our own driveway because of the way cars park on Woodward Court. Sometimes it takes several attempts or waiting for someone to move. Adding more cars from a new development would make this even harder.
Although the road might technically be wide enough on paper, the constant on street parking means two way traffic is impossible for long stretches. Cars can only move in single file, and that's exactly why we get daily stand offs, reversing, and pavement mounting. Anyone who lives here sees this constantly.
The developer also suggests traffic is lower than when the last application was rejected. That simply isn't what residents experience. The stretch between Woodward Court and Jenny Lane is already at breaking point, and even a small increase in traffic would make it unsafe.
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Traffic Will Only Get Worse

At school times, the whole area clogs up. Greenside Road, Flash Lane and the surrounding streets regularly back up, and drivers are constantly stopping, reversing or squeezing past each other.

Because so many streets rely on on street parking, the usable road width is often just a single lane. This creates daily bottlenecks and arguments over who has to reverse. When things jam up, cars mount the pavement — again, even when children are walking there.

The developer claims that adding an exit onto Hepworth Lane will reduce traffic on Wellhouse Lane. But that's not how people drive. Anyone who lives here knows that many drivers will cut through Jenny Lane, Wellhouse Lane and Woodward Court because it's quicker. That means more traffic through the tightest, most dangerous parts of the network — not less.

Construction Traffic Simply Won't Fit

Even if the long term traffic impact were manageable (it isn't), the construction phase alone makes this development unworkable.

Because of the narrow roads and constant parking, construction traffic would be limited to standard sized vans for most of the build. Anything bigger would block the road or end up on the pavement.

The biggest realistic delivery vehicle that could get through is something roughly the size of a coach, and even that would only be possible between 10am and 2pm, when school traffic is quieter. Outside those hours, access would be unsafe or impossible.

No construction management plan can change the physical width of the roads or the way residents have to park. The streets simply cannot take heavy vehicles.

Why This Development Shouldn't Go Ahead

The roads around Woodward Court are already unsafe, congested and over used. Pavement mounting, gridlock, blocked driveways and near misses are daily realities. Adding more traffic — and trying to force construction vehicles through — would make things significantly worse.

As someone who lives here and deals with these problems every day, I can say with confidence that the local road network cannot cope with this development.

For these reasons, I strongly object to the proposal.