

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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<p>Objection to application 2025/62/9335/E Based on Safety Concerns as a Young Mother Visiting Wellhouse Lane</p> <p>I regularly visit a close friend who lives on Wellhouse Lane, near the junction with Hepworth Lane. As a young mother with two small children in prams and pushchairs, I experience firsthand how difficult and unsafe this area already is for anyone travelling on foot — especially with young children. The proposed development would make an already challenging situation significantly worse.</p> <p>Safe Parking Is Almost Impossible</p> <p>Every visit begins with the same problem: finding somewhere safe to park. Even during the middle of the day, when you would expect things to be quieter, the parking situation on Wellhouse Lane is extremely tight. Cars are lined along both sides of the road, leaving very little space to pull in or open doors safely.</p> <p>Trying to get two prams out of the car while traffic squeezes past is stressful and dangerous. Drivers often have no choice but to edge around parked vehicles, leaving almost no room for parents unloading children.</p> <p>Walking With Prams on the Lower Part of Wellhouse Lane Is Unsafe</p> <p>Once parked, walking along the lower part of Wellhouse Lane with prams is one of the hardest parts of the journey. The pavement is narrow, and because the road is effectively singlefile due to parked cars, vehicles frequently mount the kerb to get around each other.</p> <p>I've had to pull the prams tight against walls or wait in driveways because cars come so close. It never feels safe, and it's clear the road simply isn't designed for the amount of traffic it already carries.</p> <p>Crossing at the Top of Hepworth Lane Is Particularly Dangerous</p> <p>The most worrying point is crossing near the top of Hepworth Lane. Parked cars block visibility in both directions, and as a parent pushing prams, you need far more space and time to cross safely.</p> <p>There have been several occasions where I've started to cross, only for a car to appear suddenly from Wellhouse Lane with no warning. Drivers often can't see pedestrians until the last moment, and pedestrians can't see them. With two small children, that lack of visibility is frightening.</p> <p>Midday Visits Still Show the Roads Are Overloaded</p>	

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People often assume the problems here are limited to school times or rush hour, but my visits are usually late morning or early afternoon — and the issues are still constant. Congestion, pavement mounting, blocked sightlines and singlefile traffic happen throughout the day.

If the roads are already this difficult for a parent with prams during offpeak hours, adding more traffic from a new development will only make things worse.

Construction Traffic Would Be Completely Unsuitable

Even before any homes are built, construction vehicles would pose a serious risk. These roads are far too narrow and constrained for heavy vehicles. With parents, children, prams and pedestrians already struggling for space, construction traffic would make the area genuinely unsafe.

Why I Strongly Object

As a mother visiting this area regularly with two young children, I see how unsafe the current road layout already is. The lack of visibility, the narrow pavements, the pavement mounting, the congestion and the difficulty crossing at Hepworth Lane all show that the road network is already beyond capacity.

Introducing more vehicles — and construction traffic — would significantly increase the danger for families and pedestrians.

For these reasons, I strongly object to the proposed development.