

Address: 7a Dudley avenue Birstall

### 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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## Objection to application 2025/62/9335/E Based on Daily Safety Concerns as a Regular Visitor to Wellhouse Lane

I regularly visit Wellhouse Lane to walk my daughter's dog, usually in the middle of the day when you would expect traffic to be quieter. Even at these offpeak times, the roads around here are already struggling. Parking, congestion and poor visibility create unsafe conditions for drivers and pedestrians alike, and the proposed development would make these problems significantly worse.

### Midday Walks Still Mean Daily Obstruction

People often assume the issues on Wellhouse Lane and Hepworth Lane only happen during school dropoff or rush hour. That simply isn't true. I'm here most days around lunchtime, and even then the parking situation forces the road into singlefile operation for long stretches.

Cars are frequently parked on both sides in ways that leave very little room to pass. Drivers often have to edge around parked vehicles, mount the pavement, or reverse long distances because there's nowhere else to go. This is happening at a time of day when the roads should be at their quietest — which shows just how stretched the network already is.

### Delivery Vans Regularly Block the Lower Part of Wellhouse Lane

Another daily issue is delivery vans. It's extremely common to find large vans stopped or parked on the lower part of Wellhouse Lane, completely blocking one direction of travel. When this happens, traffic backs up quickly, and drivers are forced into awkward manoeuvres to get around them.

As someone walking a dog, I often have to step aside or wait because vehicles are squeezing past each other with barely any clearance. It's uncomfortable and unsafe for pedestrians, especially when vehicles mount the kerb to get through.

### Near Misses at the Top of Hepworth Lane

Parking at the top of Hepworth Lane creates another serious hazard. Cars parked close to the junction make it almost impossible to see what's coming from either direction on Wellhouse Lane.

I've personally had several near misses here — not as a driver, but simply as someone trying to cross the road safely with a dog. Vehicles come from both directions, visibility is poor, and drivers often have no choice but to edge out blindly. It's only a matter of time before one of these near misses becomes something worse.

### The Roads Are Already Over Capacity — Even at Quiet Times

The fact that these problems occur in the middle of the day, outside school hours and away from peak traffic, shows that the local road network is already operating beyond its safe capacity. Adding more vehicles from a new development will only intensify the congestion, the blind spots, the pavementmounting and the risks to pedestrians.

### Construction Traffic Would Be Completely Unsuitable

Even before any houses are built, construction traffic would create major dangers. Wellhouse Lane and Hepworth Lane are far too narrow and constrained for heavy vehicles. With the current level of parking and congestion, construction traffic would cause serious obstruction and pose a real risk to residents, visitors and pedestrians.

### Why I Strongly Object

As someone who uses these roads almost every day, I see firsthand how unsafe and overburdened they already are. Midday congestion, delivery vans blocking the road, dangerous parking at the Hepworth Lane junction and frequent near misses all show that the area cannot cope with additional traffic.

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