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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Re Application for Housing 2025/62/93355/E
I formally object the above planning application.
We are grandparents who regularly drive into the area to pick up and drop off our grandchild on Woodward Court. Sometimes one of us drives, sometimes the other — but we both face the same problems every time we come here. We do not live locally, so we have no option but to drive, and the roads we rely on are already difficult, congested and, at times, frightening to use.

1. Roads Already Feel Unsafe for Older Drivers and Young Children
The roads around Woodward Court and Wellhouse Lane are so narrow and so heavily parked on that they often function as single track lanes. Cars mount the pavement daily just to get around each other. As older drivers, we are very aware of our slower reactions, and we worry constantly about children walking nearby — including our own grandchild.
We have both had moments where a car has come up onto the pavement with barely a second's warning. It is genuinely alarming.
2. Picking Up Our Grandchild Is Already a Challenge
Stopping safely on Woodward Court is difficult even now. Cars park right up to corners and junctions, leaving almost nowhere to pull in. We have both had to park further away than is ideal, and we've had to hurry a young child along a road that simply doesn't feel safe.
The thought of even more cars trying to do the same is deeply worrying.
3. Daily Gridlock and No Room for Two Way Traffic
Every visit involves long waits, reversing, or inching past parked cars. Two way traffic is impossible for much of Wellhouse Lane and Woodward Court. When two cars meet, everything stops. We have both been stuck in gridlock outside people's homes more times than we can count.
Adding more vehicles will only increase the number of stand offs and pavement mounting incidents.
4. Dangerous Junction at Hepworth Lane
Parked cars block the view in both directions, and drivers coming out of Hepworth Lane often have no choice but to edge out blindly. We have each had to brake

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This junction is already unsafe. More traffic will make it worse.
5. Traffic Problems Happen All Week, Not Just at School Times
Weekend events at the cricket club and Gilder Hall bring in just as much traffic as school days, Cars park anywhere they can, visibility drops, and the same bottlenecks and pavement mounting happen all over again.
There is no "quiet time" for these roads. They are under pressure seven days a week.

6. Construction Traffic Cannot Use These Roads
We are extremely concerned about the idea of construction vehicles using Wellhouse Lane or Hepworth Lane. These roads are already too narrow and too congested for normal traffic. Large vehicles would cause blockages, force cars onto pavements, and create serious risks for older people, children and wheelchair users.
Construction traffic simply cannot be routed through these roads.

7. Why We Strongly Object
As two grandparents who drive here regularly — sometimes together, sometimes separately — we see first hand how unsafe and congested these roads already are. The narrow layout, poor visibility, pavement mounting, and constant gridlock make every visit feel risky.
We worry about our grandchild.
We worry about ourselves as older drivers.
We worry about the people who live here every day.
Adding more traffic and construction vehicles would make an already unsafe situation significantly worse.
For these reasons, we strongly object to the proposed development.