Address: 4, BRIAR DRIVE, DEWSBURY, WF13 4NJ

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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I wish to object to planning application 2025/93355/E.
I am an elderly grandparent who does not live in the immediate area but regularly travels to Woodward Court to pick up and drop off my grandchild. Because I live out of the area, I have no choice but to drive, usually coming down Sunnybank and then Jenny Lane. I want to raise serious concerns about the safety and practicality of adding more traffic to roads that are already extremely difficult to use, especially for older drivers and young children.

1. Safety Concerns for Older Drivers and Young Children
Every time I arrive to collect my grandchild, I see cars mounting the pavement to get around each other. The roads are so narrow and so heavily parked on that two way traffic simply isn't possible. As an older person, I move more slowly and react more cautiously, and I often have to step back quickly to avoid a car trying to squeeze past on the pavement.
This is particularly worrying when I have my grandchild with me. I have had to pull them close more than once because a car has come up onto the pavement with very little warning. It feels unsafe every single day.

2. Driving In From Outside the Area Is Already Difficult
Coming down Sunnybank and Jenny Lane is already challenging. These roads are narrow, busy, and often blocked by parked cars. By the time I reach Wellhouse Lane and Woodward Court, the situation becomes even more difficult.
Stopping safely on Woodward Court is already hard. Cars park right up to corners and junctions, and there is rarely enough space to pull in without blocking the road. As an older driver, tight manoeuvres are stressful and sometimes physically difficult. The idea of adding more cars from a new development makes me genuinely worried that I won't be able to safely collect my grandchild at all.

3. Daily Gridlock and Single Lane Traffic
Wellhouse Lane and Woodward Court regularly operate as single lane roads because of constant on-street parking. When two cars meet, one has to reverse a long way, and

of constant on street parking. When two cars meet, one has to reverse a long way, and this often leads to stand offs and frustration. I have seen cars reversing at speed, and as an older driver, I find this extremely intimidating.
Gridlock outside homes is a daily sight. I often have to wait several minutes just to get through a short section of road. Adding more traffic will only make this worse.

4. Poor Visibility and Regular Near Misses
The junctions around here are dangerous, especially the one at Hepworth Lane. When cars pull out, they cannot see properly because of parked vehicles and the angle of the road. I have witnessed many near misses, and I have personally had to brake suddenly when someone has edged out without being able to see me.
As an older driver, my reaction times are not what they used to be, and these situations feel genuinely unsafe.

5. Traffic Problems Are Not Limited to School Times
People often assume the traffic issues are mainly during school drop off and pick up times. But I regularly see the same problems at weekends when the cricket club and Gilder Hall have events. Cars park anywhere they can, visibility becomes even worse, and the roads become just as congested as they are on weekdays.
This means the area is under pressure seven days a week, not just during school hours.

6. Construction Traffic Cannot Use These Roads
I am extremely concerned about the idea of construction vehicles coming up Wellhouse Lane or Hepworth Lane. These roads are already too narrow for normal traffic, let alone large vehicles. As someone who walks these roads with a young child, I cannot imagine how unsafe it would be to have construction lorries trying to get through.
Construction traffic simply cannot be allowed to use these routes.

7. Why I Strongly Object
As an elderly grandparent who must drive into the area and use these roads every day to collect a young child, I see first hand how unsafe and congested they already are. The narrow roads, poor visibility, pavement mounting, and constant gridlock make the area difficult and dangerous to navigate.
Adding more traffic — and construction vehicles — would make the situation significantly worse and put vulnerable people like children and older pedestrians at even greater risk.
For these reasons, I strongly object to the proposed development.