

Address: Crossley Fields J & I School Wellhouse Lane Mirfield

About the application

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| 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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On behalf of the Governing Body of Crossley Fields J & I School, we are writing to formally object to the proposed development at the above-mentioned site.

Our primary concern relates to the significant increase in traffic that this development is likely to generate. The surrounding roads are already heavily used, particularly during peak hours, and any additional traffic would worsen congestion, reduce visibility, and increase the risk of accidents. Several times daily, the surrounding roads become gridlocked with traffic being unable to pass each other at all, or to safely pass. There is insufficient evidence that the local road infrastructure can safely accommodate the expected rise in vehicle movements associated with this proposal.

Of particular concern is the proximity of the proposed site to our school. The area experiences high levels of pedestrian activity, especially during school drop-off and pick-up times, which is from 7:45am to 9:30am and from 2pm to 3:30pm, with additional hours for our on-site After School Club and extra-curricular clubs until 5pm. An increase in traffic volume, delivery or large construction vehicles, and on-street parking would pose a serious risk to children's safety. Young pedestrians are especially vulnerable, and introducing additional traffic in such close proximity to a school is inappropriate and potentially dangerous.

Parents and local residents have already raised concerns and complaints about vehicles being forced to mount pavements in order to pass parked cars on Flash Lane, Wellhouse Lane and Jenny Lane. This practice presents a clear danger to pedestrians, particularly children, pushchair users, and those with mobility impairments. There have been several 'near misses' of accidents to children and animals due to this. Increasing traffic and parking pressure would inevitably worsen this situation, further compromising pedestrian safety and accessibility.

Last year we contacted Kirklees Highways to ask them if a one-way system or extending zig-zag/double yellow lines could be implemented as a safety measure to reduce this but we were told this was not possible as it would add additional pressures to already busy surrounding roads.

The school regularly relies on coach access for educational trips, sporting events, and other activities. At present, coaches already struggle to access the roads nearest to the school due to parked cars and limited road space. Any further increase in traffic or parking demand resulting from this development would significantly worsen these access issues, potentially preventing coaches from stopping safely or accessing the school altogether.

It is also concerning that the developers did not directly consult with our school as part of this application. Given that the school community will be directly affected by increased traffic, parking pressures and safety risks, meaningful consultation should have taken place. The absence of such engagement raises serious concerns as to whether the impact on children and the wider community has been properly assessed or considered.

For these reasons, we believe the application does not adequately address traffic, access, and child safety concerns and should be refused.