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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Objection – Highway Safety and Parking Impact

I object to the application on the grounds that its proposed traffic and parking mitigation is not sufficient or reliably enforceable.
I live at the corner of Wellhouse Lane and Woodward Court, where on-street parking is already under significant pressure, particularly at school opening and closing times. Almost daily during term time, people park across my driveway. Existing single-yellow-line restrictions on Wellhouse Lane are routinely ignored. In that context, further restrictions or “School Keep Clear” markings cannot be treated as an effective safety measure unless there is a clear, funded and regular enforcement arrangement.

The submitted Road Safety Audit itself identifies parked vehicles as a hazard at Woodward Court during school peak periods, restricting sight lines and causing conflicts for pedestrians, drivers and delivery vehicles. It recommends prohibiting parking on both sides of the road at school opening and closing times. However, the proposed approach appears likely to remove or constrain existing residents’ parking while displacing school and development-related parking into the remaining unrestricted sections of Wellhouse Lane and Woodward Court.

This affects my household directly. Our drive accommodates two vehicles only, and we will need to park a third family vehicle on the highway. Loss of available kerbside space immediately outside or close to our home would create a real and ongoing practical impact, particularly when school parking already occupies the area.

The application should not be approved unless the final parking restrictions, their hours and exact extents are published and consulted upon; their impact on existing residents’ parking is properly assessed; and enforceable arrangements are secured to prevent unsafe school-time parking and displacement into neighbouring streets. Without this, the scheme risks worsening the very visibility, access and pedestrian-safety problems it claims to address.