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To: DC Admin

Subject: Re: Bellway Planning application ref 2025/93355

Dear Sir/Madam

Below are our formal objections to the additional information submitted by Bellway. We believe the issues raised remain unresolved and continue to present significant risks to road safety, local infrastructure, and community wellbeing.

1. Traffic and Parking Oversight: There is currently no effective monitoring or enforcement of parking at either the nearby school or the school in Ravensthorpe. Both locations experience daily chaos, including double parking and pavement parking, with no intervention from authorities. Introducing further traffic without a clear, enforceable parking management plan will worsen an already unsafe situation.
2. Hepworth Lane – Severe Safety Concerns: Hepworth Lane is heavily used by parents and schoolchildren walking to the local primary school, Castle Hall, and MFG. At school finishing times, the lane becomes extremely busy.

Bellway's proposal for an entrance/exit allowing vehicles to turn left or right presents serious problems:

- Turning left leads immediately to Shillbank Lane. The narrow gap means vehicles cannot enter Hepworth Lane while others wait to turn onto the main road.
- Turning right leads to a very narrow, single-width, one-way section of Hepworth Lane. Vehicles then reach a blind exit onto Wellhouse Road, where properties on the left block visibility.
- Wellhouse Road itself is narrow, and when cars are parked on both sides, only one vehicle can pass at a time.

To accommodate the proposed traffic, Wellhouse Road would likely need to become a one-way system. This would negatively impact the cricket club, residents, and emergency response times.

3. Insufficient Local Amenities: Local infrastructure is already under strain. Schools, GP surgeries, and water supply capacity are questionable. Dentists are no longer accepting NHS patients and only offer private treatment. Adding more residents without confirmed capacity increases pressure on essential services.

Conclusion: We are not opposed to housing development in principle. However, this particular location is unsuitable for the scale of development proposed due to significant road safety and infrastructure concerns. We strongly urge that common sense prevails and that the number of homes is substantially reduced or the application rejected.