Sent: 17 August 2026 18:32
To: DC Admin
Subject: Application 2025/93355 for the proposed 75 dwellings on land off Woodward Court, Mirfield

Dear Planning Team,

I am writing to formally object to planning application **2025/93355** for the proposed 75 dwellings on land off Woodward Court, Mirfield.

My main concern is the **highway safety and traffic impact of the proposed development**, particularly the proposed access arrangements involving Hepworth Lane.

I use the surrounding roads regularly, so I have first-hand experience of the existing traffic and road conditions.

My concern relates to the route from **Shillbank Lane, along Hepworth Lane towards Wellhouse Lane and the Crossley Fields School area**. There are several points along this route where the road narrows and vehicles have limited room to pass one another. The road opens out in places and then narrows again further along the route. These pinch points can already cause difficulties when there is oncoming traffic, particularly when vehicles are parked along the road.

When I am leaving Hepworth Close, I have personally experienced situations where parked vehicles and oncoming traffic approaching around the bend leave insufficient room for vehicles to pass safely. On occasions, I have had to reverse back into Hepworth Close to allow traffic to pass.

This is already difficult with the existing level of traffic, and the situation becomes considerably busier around **school drop-off and pick-up times** because of traffic associated with Crossley Fields School.

I am therefore very concerned about the additional traffic that would be generated by 75 new homes, particularly given that the proposal includes a **vehicular exit onto Hepworth Lane**.

I appreciate that traffic-calming measures and parking restrictions are proposed. However, in my view these measures do not address the underlying problems created by the existing **narrow sections, pinch points, parked vehicles, restricted visibility and the volume of traffic already using these roads**.

I am particularly concerned that vehicles leaving the proposed development could add to the existing difficulties of vehicles meeting each other along Hepworth Lane. The issue is not simply vehicle speed; it is whether there is sufficient road space and visibility for vehicles to pass safely, particularly during busy periods.

I would therefore ask the Council's Highways officers to consider the **actual day-to-day conditions experienced by residents**, including the conditions during school drop-off and pick-up times, rather than relying solely on traffic counts or modelling undertaken at particular times.

I am also concerned about the safety of pedestrians and cyclists, particularly children travelling to and from Crossley Fields School, given the existing narrow sections and additional traffic that the development would generate.

I respectfully ask Kirklees Council to give significant consideration to these existing highway conditions when determining application **2025/93355**, and to satisfy itself that the proposed access and additional traffic can operate safely without creating an unacceptable impact on highway and pedestrian safety.

Please record this email as my formal objection to the application.

Yours faithfully,