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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This objection is against the plan to degrade the health and safety and well being of current residents and users of Hepworth Lane. In particular the final150+ yds at the east end of the lane. We call this the HEPWORTH CORRIDOR.
This is a walled lane less than 4mts wide with no footpaths or road markings. Vehicle and pedestrian traffic is two way, there are no mandatory size restriction on vehicles and it is the popular pedestrian school run. It is lined with dwellings with exits directly into the corridor and there is a feeder junction from a development of bungalows favoured by the elderly. The site line from this Hepworth Drive junction is badly limited by the lane walls and width. Exits and entries are precarious.
The corridor is excited and entered from the east and west on the bend at Shillbank Top. Entry from both directions is into the corridor which is a ONE WAY LANE with an ALTERNATING BOTTLENECK.
Entry from the west is via an almost hairpin bend with sight of any traffic movement, vehicle or pedestrian unavailable to the incoming vehicle. Even with a small vehicle the bend forces the vehicle over to the right blocking the corridor exit. This is a cause of much emergency breaking, reversing and shuffling about.
THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS NOW. The corridor is a high potential Conflict zone where responsibilities are vague.
Highway Safety Authorities name these condition HIGH RISK and CRITICAL.
UNBELIEVABLE as it may be BELLWAY are proposing a new junction sited at the entry to the HEPWORTH CORRIDOR to feed in a flow of new through traffic into the corridor. A reckless, thoughtless plan.
It is not just the 200+ vehicles that are based and the supporting service vehicles to consider. A letter of intent sent to us all Jan 26 /2026 proposes that vehicles travelling from the north could by way of Woodward Court and the new road through the site exit at the new junction into the HEPWORTH CORRIDOR as an alternative route to avoid the chaos that is Wellhouse. We call this the WELLHOUSE BYPASS.

Thankfully it will be our councillors who will decide, who are unlikely to be taken in by reams of short term transient data which will be survived by bricks, mortar and affluence. This is a long term consideration affecting residents and local people for generations. We should be confident that, just as their colleagues have said over the past 40yrs they will say NO WAY BELLWAY.