Sent: 22 August 2026 10:47
To: DC Admin
Subject: Planning application 2025/93355

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Re:Planning Application 2025/93355 – Land off Woodward Court, Mirfield

I wish to raise a further formal objection following the latest highway proposals submitted by Bellway Homes.

The proposed measures appear to address the consequences of additional traffic rather than the underlying problem: the existing road network is already unsuitable for significant traffic intensification. Introducing yellow lines, speed humps and a raised table may alter where vehicles park or how quickly they travel, but these measures do not increase the capacity of Woodward Court, Wellhouse Lane or Hepworth Lane. They therefore do not resolve the fundamental concerns about congestion and road safety.
In particular, the proposed exit-only access onto Hepworth Lane is concerning. Hepworth Lane is a narrow, constrained road which is already difficult to negotiate safely. Increasing vehicle movements onto this lane, even if vehicles can only exit the development, would intensify existing problems. The applicant's own earlier consultation material acknowledges that highway congestion and safety were significant concerns raised by residents.
The proposed double yellow lines on Wellhouse Lane and restrictions on Woodward Court will also remove existing parking opportunities. This could simply displace parked vehicles and congestion onto neighbouring streets rather than solving the problem. The measures appear primarily designed to make the development technically achievable rather than to improve the overall highway situation for existing residents.

Furthermore, residents' concerns about these roads arise from their actual day-to-day experience, particularly around school drop-off and collection at Crossley Fields Primary School. Traffic modelling cannot fully capture the practical difficulties caused by narrow roads, parked vehicles, restricted visibility and pedestrian movements at these times.
Planning policy requires development to provide safe and suitable access and to ensure that highway impacts are acceptable. These latest proposals do not demonstrate that the existing network can safely accommodate the additional traffic generated by 75 homes.

I therefore urge Kirklees Council to reject these highway proposals and refuse application 2025/93355 unless the fundamental capacity and safety problems of the surrounding road network can be demonstrably resolved.