

**Subject:** Reference Application number: 2021/62/92603/E

For the attention of Kate Mansell

Dear Kate

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Proposed development on land to the west of the M62 and south of Whitehall Road, Cleckheaton, BD19 6PL

I write in connection with the above planning application. I wish to object strongly to this development in this location for the following reasons:

The development will be catastrophic for everyone in the area. My son used to go to Whitechapel Middle School and the traffic at peak times including school run times was congested to say the least. Introducing a huge warehouse near by will only magnify the problem especially as, when there are any issues on the M62, the roads on and around Cleckheaton and Scholes become jammed as all the traffic leaves the motorway to avoid the heavy delays.

The planning application submitted contains no details of how the HGVs will safely exit and enter the site at the expected rate of 1 every 26 seconds. Highways England have previously provided an update on traffic to Kirklees stating

"Whilst we continue to support the Kirklees Local Plan and maintain our 'sound' position, we acknowledge the risk that until the major scheme at Chain Bar is delivered, congestion at this location will worsen over time. Whilst there may be the opportunity to request mitigation from a small number of developers in the immediate area, this will not address the wider growth which will impact at Chain Bar over the plan period."

Additionally, a large number of school children walk and cycle from Scholes to Cleckheaton and passing such a large warehouse with the associated heavy traffic will introduce additional danger. (Forecast 660 cars arriving and leaving with each shift change). Bear in mind many of these children are primary school age.

I also support Save Our Spen's representation on this planning application as I share its concerns.

Yours sincerely,