

for two vehicles to pass. An increase in traffic would make these hazards worse. The site is too far away from the stations and people would use their cars, the distance is over a mile from the centre of the field.

The pavements are narrow and do not run along the length of Priests Lane. This means that pedestrians have to cross the road at dangerous places such as at the bend near St. Andrews Place. It is unsafe for the infirm and young. Pedestrians feel vulnerable as cars are in such close proximity they brush past those walking. Cycling is too dangerous to contemplate, mostly people cycle on the pavement.

If Priests Lane were to be built today it would not meet the current safety guidelines. Any development would exacerbate these hazards.

The sheer volume of traffic is noisy, gives us light and air pollution. The potential site is a Protected Open Space. The 2005 Open Space Audit Report concluded that West Sheffield has insufficient Open Space for the public to use, and if Open Space became available the opportunity to provide it for the public should be taken by the Council.

It is an amenity for the public, once built or it is lost forever. The area recharges the atmosphere, drains water, is a home to wildlife too. Why has the inclusion of "open space and/or sports facilities for public use" been taken out of the proposed plan?

The proposed housing density is higher than the surrounding area, and therefore goes against Government guidelines, which advise that it should be in keeping with the area.

The land is adjacent to two schools. Sports England made written objections to developing these sites in March 2016, saying that it goes against Government policy.

The hazards and congestion are so well known here in the surrounding area that 750 residents signed a petition, handed to Councillor Jon Pound at a public meeting in January 2016. The petition was against building on these sites. There were 85 residents at the