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Dear Site allocation / David Feeney

I have studied your plans in detail and also attended the public consultation where we spoke for quite some time.

My main concerns are with the traffic on the A65 corridor. You have no real plans to alleviate the traffic if and when development goes ahead, other than asking developers to contribute some money. By your own admission, there are no plans for trolley bus, for extra train lines, there is no space to widen the A65. You told me you hoped that people attitudes to using trains and buses own change and that the bus and train companies would put on a few more services.

This is not a sufficient solution to the problem, you need to develop in areas where it is possible to improve access, not in areas where the traffic is already a considerable issue.

From Horsforth roundabout to Leeds, the buses are very 10 minutes and with the additional bus lanes traffic does move, fairly freely, even at peak times. However, from Guiseley through to Horsforth, it is a completely different story. Traffic is queueing for long sections, day in and day out, and not only at peak times. With the retail park in Guiseley and the housing already built in Guiseley and Yeadon, the traffic is already a big issue, at weekends as well as on weekdays. The road cannot sustain the development you are planning when the only access from the development is straight onto the A65.

I urge you to reconsider the necessity for this development in this area, with the building in Guiseley over recent years, at High ROyds, on Netherfield Road and along A65, and at the old Sandos site there is already a considerable increase in the traffic.

Which brings me onto my next point, the airport link road. The idea of a link road cutting from Rawdon crematorium to the airport, straight over green belt land, funded by developers, is surely an easy route to allowing the developers access to the green belt land which the locals have been fighting for years?

The bulk of the traffic on the A65 does not turn right to the airport, there is Rarely a queue to turn right at Rawdon lights. The bulk of the A65 traffic is going straight onto Guiseley. There seems very little proof that this road is needed and the area will lose an awful lot if this solution is pursued. Opening the door to developers for the green belt in the area seems totally at odds with many of the policies that are purported to be in place.

Surely looking at the option where the existing A65 is widened and improved will improve traffic flow in general, a bus lane from Rawdon lights to Horsforth roundabout would alleviate traffic in the area and preserve the green belt. If the buses were quicker and more frequent from Rawdon to Leeds, you may well get more people using these services as they do from Horsforth onwards.

I hope that you do listen to the opinions of the public, whilst I appreciate development is important, I also believe it should be positive and improve the quality of life for people, rather than for the profit of a few at the expense of many.

Regards  
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