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Dear Sirs/Madams

Since you have granted planning consent for 66 houses on the footprint of the college buildings could you , please, explain how you are going to deal with the increased traffic of upwards of 100 cars that will be trying to exit and enter the site at peak times. The roundabout at the junction of the Ring Road and the A65 is already overloaded. The traffic can only exit/enter the site at Calverley Lane. How do you view the impact of that on the residents of the Victorias as they try to turn onto Calverley Lane at morning rush hour. How many of the residents of the new housing estate do you estimate will use Victoria Mount and Victoria Crescent to cut through to join the A65 into Leeds at its junction with Clarence Drive? What measures are you putting in place to protect the residents of those streets that are destined to become more of a rat run than they already are? The speed limit on those roads , at present, is 30mph. How long do you think it will be before children's lives are at risk as they seek to cross these roads. What measures are you considering to deal with the increased air pollution from the number of cars which all the new housing in Horsforth, not just on this site but on others in the area, will generate?

Horsforth is already overcrowded. Where do you plan to educate the children who come to live in these houses since the local schools are already over-subscribed?

If houses are to be built in this area then infrastructure needs to be in place first – not 10 years down the line when things are at crisis point.

Having granted planning permission, I am sure you must have taken these problems into consideration, so now I would like to know what you plan to do in order to minimise the risks and to protect the existing residents.

I am aware that the government is pushing for more housing to be built but that should be social housing! Is that really what is planned for the former college campus? Knowing house prices in Horsforth, it seems unlikely. If it is indeed to be social housing how long will that be protected because it is not much use if the houses are sold on at £250 000 + in a couple of years time allowing some people to make huge profits and the need for more affordable housing to continue thus requiring more houses to be built on this area to the detriment of the environment. Is it not true that increasing the housing stock here will enable builders to make a tidy profit in a much sought after area? It seems as though about 1500 ne homes are planned for Horsforth and Rawdon – a recipe for chaos on the local roads – especially Horsforth Ring Road and the A65. No doubt it will make those roads into car arks!

There are a number of derelict houses across the city. Why are these not being done up to increase housing stock?

Yours in dismay

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