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To whom it may concern.

I am writing about my serious concerns about the proposed housing developments on both green belt land and brownfield sites in Horsforth. The present situation means that any additional planning granted for housing would have significant impact in the roads, schools, services and local Community.

I am fully aware that we need more housing, the right affordable housing. The houses on the former Clariant site and the new site in Farsley "The Mulberrys" are not really so called social housing and they don't appear to be selling very quickly.

They have however created additional traffic and even more congestion on the over-loaded A65 and ring road; the junction where the road leading from the development joins the ring road, between the Horsforth and new Italian restaurant roundabouts, is, in my opinion dangerous, despite the recently completed improvements to the road and roundabouts; more houses built on the adjoining green fields will only make the problems worse.

It already takes me 10-15 minutes longer to drive to work, creates additional worry when my children are trying to cross all these roads and concerns me about how this will become with possibly hundreds of more cars in the road.

The crux of the matter is lack of infrastructure and the difficulty in changing that quickly. This is especially true on the roads. The ring road cannot be widened because of houses already built next to it, or because of narrow bridges over the river, canal and railway; otherwise it would have been done already. The A65, which has already got a bus lane, is going to become increasingly clogged up with traffic going to and from the new shopping complex at Kirkstall Bridge, with the Kirkstall Forge project beginning, with the proposed link road to the airport and traffic heading towards the new shopping development in Kirkstall. Families who move into the area will need more school places, doctors, dentists and indeed recreational facilities. I have seen no evidence that these are going to be provided or indeed can be provided in time for a substantial increase in the local population. On the contrary I believe these were promised for the Clarion housing project but that promise was never fulfilled - instead the 30 bus goes along it's route every day according to its time table (another vehicle on the road) and as yet I have never seen one passenger on it. How does this help the roads or pollution?

At the present time local primary and secondary schools are over-subscribed, there is an increase in the school-age population, and there appears to be no solution to this issue. Nationally and locally it is difficult to get a doctor's appointment in good time and the NHS budget is being squeezed. Finding an NHS dentist is very difficult. How is this being resolved ? This will not be good for the present or forthcoming community.

These problems need to be addressed before any further planning granted.

Yours faithfully,

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