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I am writing regarding my concerns that this proposed development at Site HG2-10/ Site 1221 A65/Gill Lane Fields will have a huge detrimental effect on the local (and wider to some extent) area.

I have lived in Nether Yeadon for all my 61 years and I have witnessed the change from the area being an independent town with its own employment, retail and leisure facilities to that of a dormitory area of Leeds.

Recent extensive development has seen industrial sites turned into housing with no real improvement in the infrastructure to support the increase of residents.

This new proposed development would overburden the already stretched roads, schools and medical facilities.

As it is I now find that it is impossible to get an early doctor's appointment often having to wait a number of days. I now have to travel to Otley for dental services as local facilities are full. The local schools are full with waiting lists (my wife was a local primary school teacher and has seen the problem getting worse over the past few years).

Travelling anywhere in the area in the morning or evening rush hours is virtually impossible. The A65 just cannot cope. Recent other developments at Guiseley and Menston (which all have the obligatory traffic lights to slow the flow of traffic) have contributed to the massive increase of traffic, mainly workers trying to get to and from Leeds and Bradford (as all the local job providing sites have now been replaced by houses) mingling with the hundreds of parents dropping their children off at the local overcrowded schools.

The recent housing and train station development at Apperley Bridge has added to the congestion on the A658 and traffic heading for Bradford now regularly backs up over the A65, usually blocking the roundabout and up to the Harrogate Road. This in turn causes problems for the A65.

The traffic problem is not just confined to working days, Saturdays and Sundays are now probably worse with a constant crawl of slow moving vehicles heading in both directions along the A65.

No doubt parties who have a vested interest in this development will have carried out the usual traffic survey in the school holidays at non-peak times when the traffic is at its lightest to try and hoodwink the planners in to believing there is no problem.

This development would also remove the last green break in the chain of housing which now spreads from Leeds to Burley-in-Wharfedale.

Many studies, the most recent being by Exeter University, have shown that an area which has parks and open spaces benefits the health, both physical and mental, of people in the area. This development will take away one of these now rare green spaces to be replaced by housing so that the residents will be able to breathe in all the fumes from the vehicles on the clogged A65.

Please don't be fooled by the developers when they state that new residents will use public transport because they won't. The buses are few and full. The trains from Guiseley are packed to capacity at peak times. The stations are also beyond walking distance thus adding to the road traffic but the stations have limited parking so this causes congestion on the surrounding roads and estates adding to another already recognised problem.

It is a pity that the planners can't be made to live in our area for a while prior to making their decision as they then may understand the issues.

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