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The paddock is known to be extremely waterlogged most of the year. I ask the question " where will this water go if new building takes place on this site". It has been noted in recent years in Leeds and other parts of Yorkshire that where new developments take place, in areas known to flood and specific flood plains, flooding simply takes place elsewhere affecting housing that is well established with no history of flooding. We hear all the time that our surface water should be soaked away rather than piped into rivers.

I live on Parkside Green and the soil in my garden is never bone dry. The Paddock is just south of Parkside Green and in effect acts as a sponge for excess water travelling underground down the hillside from Parkside Road which is to the north. Householders are always advised not to pave their gardens as rainwater run off into drains is too much for waterways to cope hence flooding in other areas.

The primary school in Green Road is already oversubscribed with some local children unable to have places.

Traffic safety on the already very busy roads in the immediate area is a major concern.

Basically Meanwood is one of the most heavily populated parts of Leeds for its size and the loss off this small green space would be a real shame.

I am fully aware that there is a housing crisis in Britain. I would ask why are there empty houses which should be occupied.

Older persons housing is suggested but luxury homes wont be ruled out. That would almost certainly mean 2 car families. Too many cars to park on Parkside Green in times of bad roads in winter. This is already the situation when we have had icy/snowy roads when the people living in the 2 houses at the top of the paddock leave their cars on the street so that they do not have to negotiate their sloping access drive to their homes. Not a problem when their are a couple of cars but I care not to envisage what could happen if there were more. Any access to the site from The Green is likely to be a slope.

I have looked at the purple area on the map and note that not all houses in the immediate vicinity of the proposed site are shown. It does not therefore give a proper indication of the extent of the present level of housing already in place.

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