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I would like to express my objections to site allocations in Aireborough.

The sites in particular are HG2-2, HG2-3, HG2-5, HG3-1 however that is not exclusive as all the plans in Aireborough will have a huge negative impact on the area. This area is already highly congested with traffic and the train infrastructure is already overloaded. There is no evidence that any consideration has been given to these aspects as even an objective view of the infrastructure cannot deny there is already a huge problem.

On a personal level I believe the HG2-2 development would create so much extra traffic congestion on Queensway that my street would become a rat run in people's attempts to cut through to the A65.

There is outstanding evidence that the transport infrastructure does not support these proposals. I invite you to get in your car at anytime between 7am until 9am any weekday morning and attempt to drive to Leeds along the A65 where you will see for yourself the current problems and how quickly this could be exacerbated with extra housing and traffic. Or please join me on the 7.24 train or even better the 7.52 from Guiseley to Leeds any weekday morning to enjoy the pleasure of standing crammed onto a packed train running over capacity with no opportunity for expansion as we have already been told by Northern Rail.

Without even taking into account the lack of infrastructure regarding school places, employment, utilities, and totally ignoring any needs of the local community I would say on transport infrastructure alone the plans are unsound.

There is no justification in taking the greenbelt land of Aireborough for housing. People live here and pay more for a property because they want to live in a village with green fields around them. The proposed plans will create an urban sprawl by joining Yeadon to Guiseley and to Menston.

These greenbelt areas are used every day by people from all across the area enjoying the countryside, making use of ancient lanes, Roman roads, becks and waterways. It is not just 'land' it is part of our environment and I would argue provides a much needed and much used network of leisure activity. Allocating these greenbelt areas for housing would devastate Aireborough. There are no plans for new employment so people would have to commute putting even more strain on an already inadequate transport infrastructure as well as creating further air pollution.

I feel the people of Aireborough and Rawdon have been ambushed with these plans with very little time to consult or object. None of the councils are working together and there is a strong sense in this community that we are being railroaded by our local council.

I would urge you to take note of my objections and those of the other residents of Aireborough, the general consensus is that Leeds City Council is completely in favour of the developers and has chosen to ignore any wishes of their local community. There is a huge lack of trust in this process and the short deadline we have been given to respond as a community renders your own Statement of Community Involvement inadequate (page 8, 3.6/3.19).

Regards

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