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I am a resident of Cookridge and have been looking at the proposed areas of development nearby.

My concerns

1. Are these houses "affordable" houses. There should be a level of price set down and no property should be allowed to exceed it. A case in point is the Sandoz development. Prices of £300.00 plus in no way eases the housing crisis. It is the lower end of the market where young families and single people cannot get on the housing ladder. Builders obviously want to build more expensive houses for a better return. There needs to be control over these permissions.
2. There is mention of a new "free" school being built, as this will be less expensive for the local authority, Unfortunately the government want to abolish local authority schools completely drip by drip. The writing is on the wall. This would be a disaster. So I am not in favour of a new free school but there needs to be provision for all the children that will need school places. And transport links need to be addressed. (There is still no bus route down Tinshill Road that goes into Leeds.) A more comprehensive plan needs implementing.
3. Station Parking has been an issue for years and nothing is ever done about it. We are constantly being told to use Public Transport but have no way of parking our cars at the station. Cookridge is very hilly and many people have a long walk to the station as it is, others are too far away to walk and need to park their cars. It's a ridiculous situation. So building more houses will make the problem 10 times worse. A local bus that takes in most of the main roads just round Cookridge that runs all day would go some way to solving the problem. A hop on hop off service. Personally, I live off Tinshill Road. I have just retired yet I cannot go to town on the bus because I am not on a bus route. A long walk to the station is ok in good weather but the return walk up the hill with shopping is not an option. So I have to take my car into Leeds!
4. I have not heard of any proposals to build a new Doctors surgery or build a new hospital or shopping centre or park. Infrastructure is an integral part of development and if it is ignored, the consequences can be catastrophic. It should not be "build houses at any cost" to gain brownie points with the government of the day. Careful consideration of the people who live there and the environmental impact are important for our community.

Yours faithfully
Gill Breese