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To: [Site Allocations Plan](#)
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Dear Sirs

RE: Sites 1095b and 1369 Old Pool Bank, Pool in Wharfedale

I would like to make the following comments:-

I fully understand that new housing is required however I do feel also that strategic support systems need to be reviewed with regard to the village of Pool in Wharfedale and the surrounding areas:-

Road network

If just some of the suggested housing development takes place within the outer North West Leeds area Pool in Wharfedale will be severely affected.

The village has both the A659 and the A658 running through it, we are in between the A1 and M62 and we have the main river crossing for the Wharfe.

We already face HGV vehicles frequently coming through the village and with the already planned quarry on the outskirts of Otley this will lead to an increase.

We also already have to endure rat running along our country lanes and through "no access" roads causing problems for our residents.

New housing in Bramhope, Otley, Horsforth, Rawdon, Collingham, and Wetherby will all encroach on our village roads never mind the new housing in the village itself.

Also I believe that Leeds/Bradford airport are looking for expansion which again will directly affect the village.

I would suggest that alternatives are looked at, such as:

a train link via a re-instated Arthington station to the airport and at least Leeds City
a new river crossing further downstream as part of a bypass around the village

Sewage and drainage systems

We frequently face flooding from the river which may be increased by the change in the use of local farmland. Also we have had problems with sewage drains, which were originally built in the 1960s, and are already stressed.

Local amenities

If the population of the village is to increase we need to bear in mind that we do not have a doctor's surgery. Also I believe the feasibility of the local school to take increased numbers needs to be thought about.

We do live in a very nice part of the world and I understand that new housing is required however the infrastructure to support them also needs to be in place.

Kind regards
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