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I strongly object to the proposals as currently outlined in the above as they affect Guiseley and in particular to Coach Road fields HG2-5(sites 2163a/1180a/1311a) and to HG2-6(1113). They are unsound for numerous reasons, these being:

1) Guiseley does not need more housing. Doctors, dentists and transport struggle to service the current population of the town. Local infrastructure will be unable to cope with the inevitable increased traffic. Eighty-three new homes are proposed on Coach Road fields allowing 1.5 cars per home equates to over 120 more cars using the Silverdale Estate and the notorious Silverdale Avenue/Park Road junction on a daily basis. Silverdale Avenue is far too narrow to take any more traffic, the homes on the Park Road end of Silverdale Avenue were built in a bygone age and the street is much too narrow to double park. Refuse collection, emergency service and delivery vehicles struggle to negotiate this street on a daily basis. Park Road end of Coach Road is unadopted, unmade and heavily potholed and the opposite end (railway line) is too narrow for cars to double park. Reversing a large car out of a drive can be extremely difficult if car is parked opposite the end of the drive. Emergency services could not get through if cars double park, a frightening scenario for those who reside there. Speed humps, as proposed, will not solve the problems on the Silverdale estate only ruin car suspensions.

2) Who will want to live or send their children to a school in close proximity to electric pylons - a long suspected health hazard? These high voltage cables have been seen emitting a luminous green glow.

3) The land is allegedly contaminated by the paint from these pylons,

4) Abundance of wildlife throughout the year. Colonies of bats fly around on warm summer evenings and Owls are heard in the majestic and mature old trees at various times of the year. Deer which roam Spring Woods can be seen in these fields in the early morning. Bird life, such as Curlews and Lapwings, is seen in this area and Red Kites now soar over Coach Road fields too. Children delight in finding amphibians especially in fields 1311a and 1311b where there are numerous springs, hence the name Spring Wood. During late Spring a beautiful display of Bluebells is to be seen in Spring Woods from Old Coach Road.

5) A stone wall, nearly two hundred years old, runs for much of the length of Coach Road. An ancient cobbled track, known as Old Coach Road, runs from Coach Road into Spring Woods and through to Esholt. It is believed to be an old pack horse trail, a relic of Guiseley's past involvement in the woollen industry.

6) If a school is built on any of the Coach Road fields it will add many more difficulties for residents of the Silverdale Estate. I understand it is proposed to build a road from Park Lane/Old Hollins Hill through to school site, no doubt at an enormous expense yet no road improvements are planned for the estate. No doubt cars will park all along Coach Road to pick up or drop off children adding to the problems of local residents.

The recent and unexpected destruction of the majority of the Coach Road allotments and the felling of beautiful trees has appalled many local residents. I understand that some of Coach Road fields are part of the Guiseley Conservation Area (English Heritage). This

area is used and enjoyed on a daily basis by many people for dog walking, horse riding, cycling, running and just enjoying the local scenery and atmosphere.

The rape and pillage of these fields will destroy the heritage of our children, grandchildren and future generations forever, IT MUST NOT HAPPEN!

Yours sincerely

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